Supplementary Table 1. Clinical characteristics of 30 patients with lung cancer and 22 healthy controls.

| Characteristics       | Patients (n=30) | Controls (n=22) | P-value$^a$ |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Age, years            |                |                 |             |
| ≤ 60                  | 17             | 17              | 0.123       |
| >60                   | 13             | 5               |             |
| Sex                   |                |                 | 0.947       |
| Male                  | 18             | 13              |             |
| Female                | 12             | 9               |             |
| Smoking history       |                |                 | 0.376       |
| No                    | 14             | 13              |             |
| Yes                   | 16             | 9               |             |

$^a$ P<0.05 was considered statistically significant.