

Table 7S: Results of linear regression model with liver stiffness values as an outcome and the following covariates as predictors: Age, Sex, hemoglobin A1c, HDL, body mass index, platelet count, systolic blood pressure and AST/ALT ratio. \* Predictors are centralized at their means.

	Estimate	St. Error	P-value
Intercept	6.04	0.32	<0.01
Age*	0.003	0.005	0.6
Sex	-0.8	0.22	0.01
Hemoglobin A1c*	0.4	0.07	0.001
HDL<50 mg/dL (Reference; HDL≥50 mg/dL)	0.37	0.12	0.02
Body mass index*	0.24	0.02	<0.001
Platelet<125 (Reference; platelet counts ≥125)	11	4.5	0.05
Diastolic blood pressure*	-0.02	0.007	0.05
AST/ALT ratio *	1.03	0.37	0.027