

## Supplementary materials

**Table S1.** Gene-gene interactions of *IL-6* and *IL-8* polymorphisms and BC risk.

Combined genotype	Control (n = 114)		BC (n = 116)		Crude OR (95% CI)*	p	Adjusted OR (95% CI)*	p*
	Number	Frequency	Number	Frequency				
<b>-597 A&gt;G – <i>IL-6</i> (rs1800797) and c.+396 T&gt;G – <i>IL-8</i> (rs2227307)</b>								
A/A-T/T	4	0.035	9	0.078	1.615 (0.512-5.093)	0.414	1.662 (0.525-5.267)	0.388
A/A-T/G	11	0.096	11	0.095	1.346 (0.544-3.330)	0.520	1.316 (0.531-3.266)	0.553
A/A-G/G	8	0.070	4	0.034	0.417 (0.125-1.394)	0.155	0.434 (0.129-1.460)	0.178
A/G-T/T	12	0.105	16	0.138	0.732 (0.345-1.553)	0.416	0.715 (0.336-1.521)	0.384
A/G-T/G	33	0.289	33	0.284	0.976 (0.548-1.738)	0.935	0.991 (0.555-1.768)	0.975
A/G-G/G	13	0.114	12	0.103	1.968 (0.800-4.842)	0.141	1.972 (0.800-4.862)	0.140
G/G-T/T	11	0.096	5	0.043	2.037 (0.596-6.964)	0.257	2.062 (0.601-7.074)	0.250
G/G-T/G	17	0.149	17	0.147	0.807 (0.399-1.634)	0.552	0.803 (0.396-1.628)	0.543
G/G-G/G	5	0.044	9	0.078	0.636 (0.219-1.850)	0.406	0.611 (0.209-1.785)	0.368
<b>c.+396 T&gt;G – <i>IL-8</i> (rs2227307) and c.3331 G&gt;A – <i>IL-6</i> (rs2069845)</b>								
T/T-G/G	4	0.035	9	0.078	2.313 (0.691-7.737)	0.173	2.264 (0.675-7.594)	0.186
T/T-G/A	12	0.105	15	0.129	1.262 (0.563-2.830)	0.572	1.227 (0.545-2.759)	0.621
T/T-A/A	11	0.096	6	0.052	0.511 (0.182-1.431)	0.201	0.535 (0.190-1.507)	0.236
T/G-G/G	14	0.123	12	0.103	0.824 (0.364-1.868)	0.643	0.823 (0.362-1.870)	0.642
T/G-G/A	31	0.272	35	0.302	1.157 (0.653-2.050)	0.618	1.171 (0.659-2.079)	0.591
T/G-A/A	16	0.140	14	0.121	0.841 (0.390-1.814)	0.658	0.827 (0.382-1.789)	0.630
G/G-G/G	8	0.070	4	0.034	0.473 (0.138-1.618)	0.233	0.462 (0.135-1.586)	0.220
G/G-G/A	13	0.114	13	0.112	0.981 (0.433-2.218)	0.962	0.980 (0.432-2.222)	0.962
G/G-A/A	5	0.044	8	0.069	1.615 (0.512-5.093)	0.414	1.662 (0.525-5.267)	0.388

**Table S2.** Synergy factor analysis.

Genes	Polymorphism	Subjects	Synergy factor <sup>a</sup>	p-value <sup>b</sup>	Type interaction <sup>a</sup>
<i>IL-6</i> × <i>IL-8</i>	-597 A>G (rs1800797) × c.+396 T>G (rs2227307)	G carriers – G carriers	3.259	0.127	Antagonistic
<i>IL-8</i> × <i>IL-6</i>	c.+396 T>G (rs2227307) × c.3331 G>A (rs2069845)	G carriers – A carriers	3.649	0.092	Antagonistic

**Table S3.** Distribution of haplotypes of the studied polymorphisms of the *IL-6* and risk of the BC.

Haplotype	Control (n = 114)		BC (n = 116)		Crude OR (95% CI)	p
	Number	Frequency	Number	Frequency		
<b>-597 A&gt;G – <i>IL-6</i> (rs1800797) and c.3331 G&gt;A – <i>IL-6</i> (rs2069845)</b>						
AG	104	0.456	107	0.461	1.02 (0.707-1.472)	0.913
GA	120	0.526	117	0.504	0.915 (0.635-1.32)	0.636
GG	4	0.017	6	0.025	1.486 (0.413-5.339)	0.540
AA	0	0.000	2	0.008	-	-

**Table S4.** Correlations between studied SNPs and the clinical characteristics of patients with BC.

<b>-597 A&gt;G – <i>IL-6</i> (rs1800797)</b>								
Characteristics	Status	Genotype			$\chi^2$	p		
		AA	AG	GG				
Primary tumour size	Ta	0.389	0.431	0.375	3.346	0.502		
	T1	0.389	0.353	0.541				
	≥T2	0.222	0.216	0.125				
Lymph node metastasis	N0	0.778	0.784	0.917	2.146	0.342		
	≥N1	0.222	0.216	0.083				
Distant metastasis	M0	0.778	0.784	0.917	2.146	0.342		
	M1	0.222	0.216	0.083				
Pathomorphology of nonmuscle-invasive tumors	papillary urothelial neoplasm of low malignant potential (PUN-LMP)			0.250	0.222	0.080	2.967	0.563

	low-grade papillary urothelial carcinoma	0.375	0.408	0.440		
	high-grade papillary urothelial carcinoma	0.375	0.370	0.480		
<b>c.3331 G&gt;A – IL-6 (rs2069845)</b>						
Characteristics	Status	Genotype Frequency			$\chi^2$	<i>p</i>
		GG	GA	AA		
Primary tumour size	Ta	0.368	0.423	0.409	2.128	0.712
	T1	0.421	0.365	0.500		
	≥T2	0.211	0.212	0.091		
Lymph node metastasis	N0	0.789	0.788	0.212	1.629	0.443
	≥N1	0.211	0.909	0.091		
Distant metastasis	M0	0.789	0.788	0.212	1.629	0.443
	M1	0.211	0.909	0.091		
Pathomorphology of nonmuscle-invasive tumors	papillary urothelial neoplasm of low malignant potential (PUN-LMP)	0.240	0.232	0.045	4.261	0.372
	low-grade papillary urothelial carcinoma	0.360	0.411	0.455		
	high-grade papillary urothelial carcinoma	0.400	0.357	0.500		
<b>c.+396 T&gt;G – IL-8 (rs2227307)</b>						
Characteristics	Status	Genotype Frequency			$\chi^2$	<i>p</i>
		TT	TG	GG		
Primary tumour size	Ta	0.346	0.396	0.526	3.211	0.523
	T1	0.423	0.396	0.421		
	≥T2	0.231	0.208	0.053		
Lymph node metastasis	N0	0.769	0.792	0.947	2.765	0.251
	≥N1	0.231	0.208	0.053		
Distant metastasis	M0	0.769	0.792	0.947	2.765	0.251
	M1	0.231	0.208	0.053		
Pathomorphology of nonmuscle-invasive tumors	papillary urothelial neoplasm of low malignant potential (PUN-LMP)	0.148	0.226	0.174	2.171	0.704
	low-grade papillary urothelial carcinoma	0.519	0.359	0.391		
	high-grade papillary urothelial carcinoma	0.333	0.415	0.435		

**Table S5.** Distribution of genotypes and alleles of the -597 A>G – *IL-6* (rs1800797), c.3331 G>A – *IL-6* (rs2069845), c.+396 T>G – *IL-8* (rs2227307) and ORs with 95% CIs in men and women with BC.

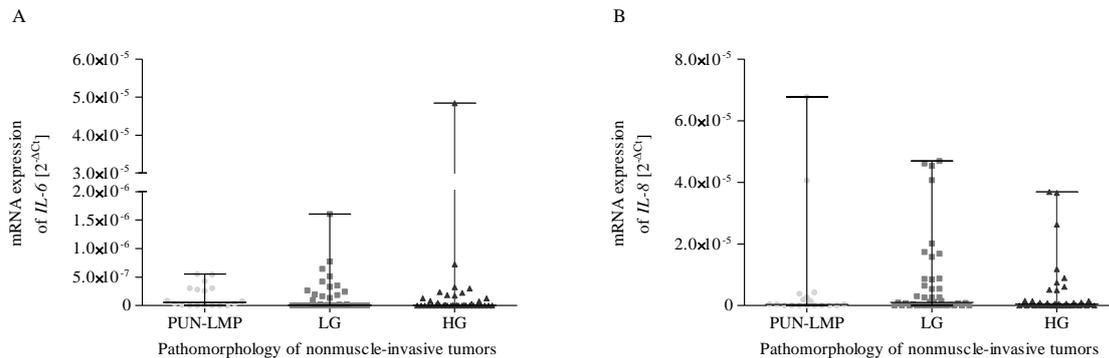
Genotype/ Allele	WOMEN (n = 71)				MEN (n = 159)			
	Control	BC	Crude OR (95% CI)*	<i>p</i>	Control	BC	Crude OR (95% CI)*	<i>p</i>
	(n = 39)	(n = 32)			(n = 75)	(n = 84)		
N (Freq.)	N (Freq.)	N (Freq.)	N (Freq.)					
<b>-597 A&gt;G – <i>IL-6</i> (rs1800797)</b>								
A/A	7 (0.179)	5 (0.156)	0.847(0.241-2.975)	0.795	16 (0.213)	19 (0.226)	1.078 (0.508-2.288)	0.845
A/G	17 (0.436)	20 (0.625)	2.157 (0.830-5.607)	0.115	41 (0.547)	41 (0.488)	0.791 (0.424-1.476)	0.461
G/G	15 (0.385)	7 (0.219)	0.448 (0.156-1.290)	0.137	18 (0.240)	24 (0.286)	1.267 (0.622-2.578)	0.514
	$\chi^2 = 70.955; p = 0.380$				$\chi^2 = 158.999; p = 0.418$			
A	31 (0.397)	30 (0.469)	1.367 (0.681-2.745)	0.379	73 (0.487)	79 (0.470)	0.934 (0.596-1.463)	0.766
G	47 (0.603)	34 (0.531)	0.732 (0.364-1.469)	0.379	77 (0.513)	89 (0.530)	1.071 (0.684-1.676)	0.766
<b>c.3331 G&gt;A – <i>IL-6</i> (rs2069845)</b>								
G/G	8 (0.205)	6 (0.188)	0.894 (0.275-2.910)	0.853	18 (0.240)	19 (0.226)	0.926 (0.443-1.933)	0.837
G/A	17 (0.436)	19 (0.594)	1.891 (0.733-4.880)	0.188	39 (0.520)	44 (0.524)	1.015 (0.544-1.894)	0.962
A/A	14 (0.359)	7 (0.219)	0.500 (0.173-1.1448)	0.201	18 (0.240)	21 (0.250)	1.056 (0.512-2.178)	0.884
	$\chi^2 = 70.971; p = 0.379$				$\chi^2 = 159.000; p = 0.418$			
G	33 (0.423)	31 (0.484)	1.290 (0.655-2.539)	0.461	75 (0.500)	82 (0.488)	0.951 (0.606-1.493)	0.828
A	45 (0.577)	33 (0.516)	0.775 (0.294-1.526)	0.461	75 (0.500)	86 (0.512)	1.051 (0.670-1.649)	0.828
<b>c.+396 T&gt;G – <i>IL-8</i> (rs2227307)</b>								
T/T	9 (0.231)	8 (0.250)	1.111 (0.372-3.315)	0.850	18 (0.240)	22 (0.262)	1.124 (0.547-2.307)	0.751
T/G	21 (0.538)	17 (0.531)	0.971 (0.381-2.480)	0.952	40 (0.533)	44 (0.524)	0.963 (0.516-1.796)	0.904
G/G	9 (0.231)	7 (0.219)	0.933 (0.304-2.864)	0.904	17 (0.227)	18 (0.214)	0.930 (0.439-1.972)	0.851
	$\chi^2 = 71.000; p = 0.378$				$\chi^2 = 159.000; p = 0.418$			
T	39 (0.500)	33 (0.516)	1.017 (0.538-2.125)	0.848	76 (0.507)	88 (0.524)	1.076 (0.683-1.694)	0.753
G	39 (0.500)	31 (0.484)	0.935 (0.471-1.857)	0.848	74 (0.493)	80 (0.476)	0.930 (0.590-1.464)	0.753

**Table S6.** Distribution of genotypes and alleles of the -597 A>G – *IL-6* (rs1800797), c.3331 G>A – *IL-6* (rs2069845), c.+396 T>G – *IL-8* (rs2227307) and ORs with 95% CIs in BC subjects with normal body weight or subjects with overweight and obesity.

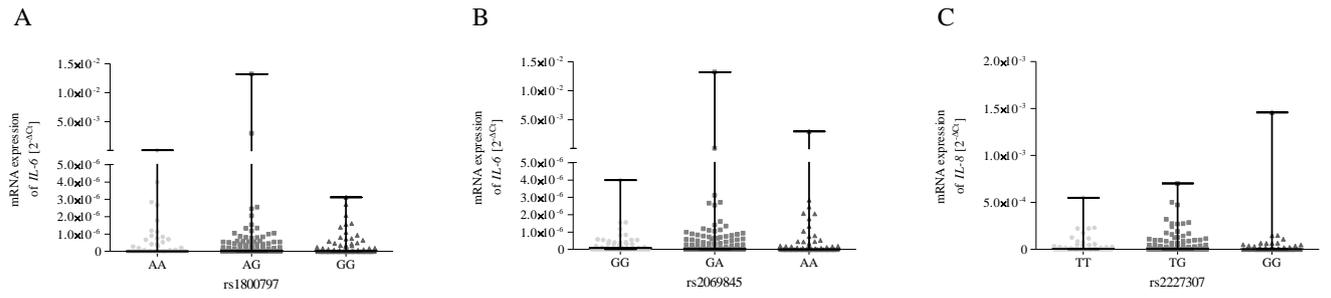
Genotype/ Allele	BMI < 25 (n = 81)				BMI ≤ 25 (n = 149)			
	Control (n = 39)	BC (n = 42)	Crude OR (95% CI)*	p	Control (n = 75)	BC (n = 74)	Crude OR (95% CI)*	p
	N (Freq.)	N (Freq.)			N (Freq.)	N (Freq.)		
<b>-597 A&gt;G – IL-6 (rs1800797)</b>								
A/A	10 (0.256)	4 (0.095)	0.305 (0.087-1.072)	0.064	13 (0.173)	20 (0.270)	1.766 (0.803-3.884)	0.157
A/G	16 (0.410)	26 (0.619)	2.336 (0.958-5.697)	0.062	42 (0.560)	35 (0.473)	0.705 (0.370-1.344)	0.288
G/G	13 (0.333)	12 (0.286)	0.800 (0.311-2.056)	0.643	20 (0.267)	19 (0.257)	0.950 (0.457-1.973)	0.891
	$\chi^2 = 81.011; p = 0.385$				$\chi^2 = 149.001; p = 0.416$			
A	36 (0.462)	34 (0.405)	0.782 (0.410-1.490)	0.454	68 (0.453)	75 (0.507)	1.250 (0.784-1.990)	0.348
G	42 (0.538)	50 (0.595)	1.279 (0.671-2.438)	0.454	82 (0.547)	73 (0.493)	0.800 (0.502-1.275)	0.348
<b>c.3331 G&gt;A – IL-6 (rs2069845)</b>								
G/G	11 (0.282)	6 (0.143)	0.424 (0.140-1.288)	0.130	15 (0.200)	19 (0.257)	1.382 (0.640-2.983)	0.410
G/A	15 (0.385)	25 (0.595)	2.353 (0.964-5.742)	0.060	41 (0.547)	38 (0.514)	0.875 (0.460-1.666)	0.685
A/A	13 (0.333)	11 (0.262)	0.710 (0.272-1.848)	0.483	19 (0.253)	17 (0.230)	0.879 (0.415-1.863)	0.737
	$\chi^2 = 81.005; p = 0.386$				$\chi^2 = 149.000; p = 0.416$			
G	37 (0.474)	37 (0.440)	0.873 (0.470-1.620)	0.666	71 (0.473)	76 (0.514)	1.187 (0.742-1.900)	0.475
A	41 (0.526)	47 (0.560)	1.146 (0.617-2.127)	0.666	79 (0.527)	72 (0.486)	0.842 (0.526-1.348)	0.475
<b>c.+396 T&gt;G – IL-8 (rs2227307)</b>								
T/T	8 (0.205)	10 (0.238)	1.211 (0.423-3.470)	0.722	19 (0.253)	20 (0.270)	1.092 (0.526-2.267)	0.814
T/G	19 (0.487)	19 (0.452)	0.870 (0.363-2.083)	0.754	42 (0.560)	42 (0.568)	1.031 (0.540-1.971)	0.926
G/G	12 (0.308)	13 (0.310)	1.009 (0.393-2.591)	0.986	14 (0.187)	12 (0.162)	0.843 (0.361-1.970)	0.694
	$\chi^2 = 81.000; p = 0.386$				$\chi^2 = 149.000; p = 0.416$			
T	35 (0.449)	39 (0.464)	1.061 (0.581-1.939)	0.847	80 (0.533)	82 (0.554)	1.102 (0.674-1.800)	0.699
G	43 (0.551)	45 (0.536)	0.942 (0.516-1.722)	0.847	70 (0.467)	66 (0.446)	0.908 (0.556-1.483)	0.699

**Table S7.** Distribution of genotypes and alleles of the -597 A>G – IL-6 (rs1800797), c.3331 G>A – IL-6 (rs2069845), c.+396 T>G – IL-8 (rs2227307) and ORs with 95% CIs in non-smokers and smokers with BC.

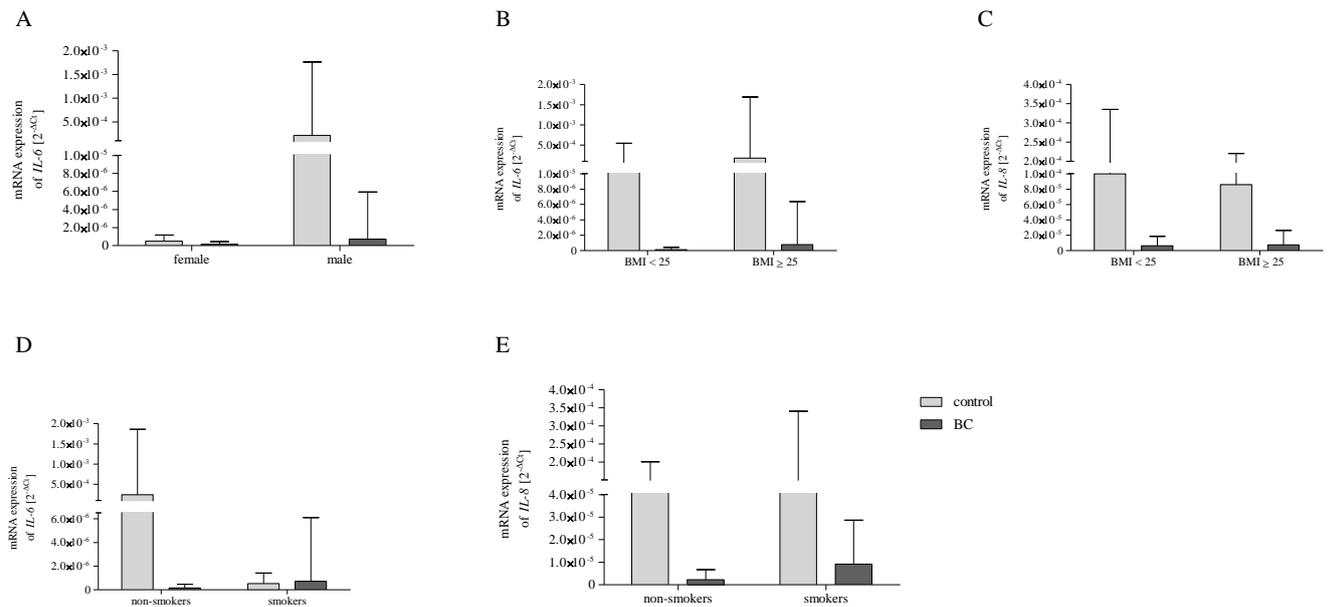
Genotype/ Allele	NON-SMOKER (n = 104)				SMOKER (n = 126)			
	Control (n = 68)	BC (n = 36)	Crude OR (95% CI)*	p	Control (n = 46)	BC (n = 80)	Crude OR (95% CI)*	p
	N (Freq.)	N (Freq.)			N (Freq.)	N (Freq.)		
<b>-597 A&gt;G – IL-6 (rs1800797)</b>								
A/A	15 (0.221)	11 (0.306)	1.555 (0.625-3.869)	0.343	8 (0.174)	13 (0.163)	0.922 (0.351-2.423)	0.869
A/G	32 (0.471)	15 (0.417)	0.804 (0.355-1.817)	0.599	26 (0.565)	46 (0.575)	1.041 (0.500-2.165)	0.915
G/G	21 (0.309)	10 (0.278)	0.861 (0.353-2.101)	0.742	12 (0.261)	21 (0.263)	1.008 (0.442-2.302)	0.984
	$\chi^2 = 104.041; p = 0.398$				$\chi^2 = 126.000; p = 0.408$			
A	62 (0.456)	37 (0.514)	1.237 (0.715-2.143)	0.447	42 (0.457)	72 (0.450)	0.969 (0.554-1.697)	0.913
G	74 (0.544)	35 (0.486)	0.808 (0.467-1.399)	0.477	50 (0.543)	88 (0.550)	1.032 (0.589-1.806)	0.913
<b>c.3331 G&gt;A – IL-6 (rs2069845)</b>								
G/G	17 (0.250)	12 (0.333)	1.500 (0.620-3.631)	0.369	9 (0.196)	13 (0.163)	0.798 (0.312-2.042)	0.637
G/A	31 (0.456)	17 (0.472)	1.068 (0.475-2.400)	0.874	25 (0.543)	46 (0.575)	1.136 (0.548-2.359)	0.731
A/A	20 (0.294)	7 (0.194)	0.579 (0.218-1.538)	0.273	12 (0.261)	21 (0.263)	1.008 (0.442-2.302)	0.984
	$\chi^2 = 103.953; p = 0.400$				$\chi^2 = 126.004; p = 0.408$			
G	65 (0.478)	41 (0.569)	1.410 (0.806-2.468)	0.228	43 (0.467)	72 (0.450)	0.922 (0.530-1.604)	0.774
A	71 (0.522)	31 (0.431)	0.709 (0.405-1.241)	0.228	49 (0.533)	88 (0.550)	1.084 (0.623-1.887)	0.774
<b>c.+396 T&gt;G – IL-8 (rs2227307)</b>								
T/T	14 (0.206)	10 (0.278)	1.484 (0.581-3.785)	0.409	13 (0.283)	20 (0.250)	0.846 (0.374-1.916)	0.689
T/G	40 (0.588)	19 (0.528)	0.782 (0.347-1.764)	0.554	21 (0.457)	42 (0.525)	1.316 (0.636-2.723)	0.460
G/G	14 (0.206)	7 (0.194)	0.931 (0.338-2.565)	0.890	12 (0.261)	18 (0.225)	0.823 (0.355-1.909)	0.649
	$\chi^2 = 104.034; p = 0.398$				$\chi^2 = 126.000; p = 0.408$			
T	68 (0.500)	39 (0.542)	1.214 (0.654-2.251)	0.539	47 (0.511)	82 (0.513)	1.007 (0.603-1.682)	0.980
G	68 (0.500)	33 (0.458)	0.824 (0.444-1.528)	0.539	45 (0.489)	78 (0.488)	0.993 (0.595-1.660)	0.980



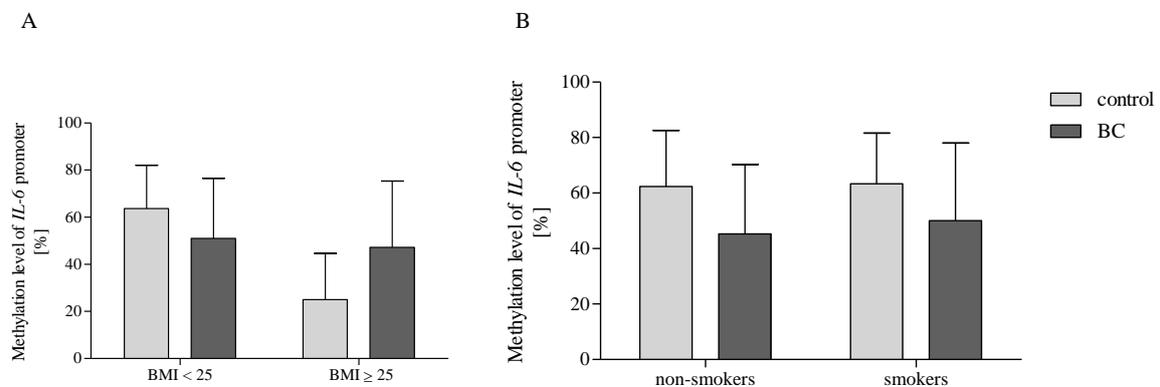
**Figure S1.** Basic *IL-6* (A) and *IL-8* (B) expression in the subgroups of the papillary urothelial neoplasm of low malignant potential (PUN-LMP), low-grade papillary urothelial carcinoma (LG), high-grade papillary urothelial carcinoma (HG), expressed as  $2^{-\Delta C_t}$  ( $C_{t \text{ gene}} - C_{t \text{ 18S}}$ ) method for each sample. The data are plotted as individual values and the median with interquartile range is indicated by the horizontal bars.



**Figure S2.** Distribution of single nucleotide polymorphisms of genes encoding *IL-6* (**A**, **B**) and *IL-8* (**C**) and mRNA expression level of *IL-6* and *IL-8* expressed as  $2^{-\Delta C_t}$  ( $C_{t \text{ gene}} - C_{t \text{ 18S}}$ ) method for each sample. The data are plotted as individual values and the median with interquartile range is indicated by the horizontal bars.



**Figure S3.** Two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post hoc test show significant effects of BC and sex on *IL-6* expression (**A**), BMI on the mRNA expression of *IL-6* (**B**) and *IL-8* (**C**) as well as cigarette smoking on *IL-6* (**D**) and *IL-8* (**E**) expression. Gene expression in PBMCs has expressed as  $2^{-\Delta C_t}$  ( $C_{t \text{ gene}} - C_{t \text{ 18S}}$ ) method. The data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD.



**Figure S4.** Two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post hoc test show significant effects of BC and BMI (**A**) or cigarette smoking (**B**) on the methylation status of *IL-6* promoter region. The data are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD.