**Correlations between net efferocytosis and sputum cell numbers in participants with asthma**

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|  | **Net efferocytosis without galectin-3 (%)** | **Net efferocytosis MFI without galectin-3** | **Net efferocytosis** **with galectin-3 (%)** | **Net efferocytosis MFI with galectin-3** |
| Total cell count (106/mL) | -0.22 | -0.14 | -0.43 | -0.48 |
| Viability (%) | -0.32 | -0.22 | -0.40 | -0.31 |
| Neutrophils (%) | -0.01 | -0.04 | -0.01 | -0.03 |
| Neutrophils (104/mL) | -0.02 | 0.02 | -0.18 | -0.27 |
| Eosinophils (%) | 0.18 | 0.09 | 0.03 | 0.12 |
| Eosinophils (104/mL) | 0.28 | 0.23 | 0.06 | 0.26 |
| Macrophages (%) | -0.10 | -0.01 | -0.05 | -0.09 |
| Macrophages (104/mL) | -0.46 | -0.27 | -0.59\* | -0.67\* |
| Lymphocytes (%) | -0.21 | -0.37 | -0.19 | -0.13 |
| Lymphocytes (104/mL) | -0.16 | -0.29 | -0.09 | -0.04 |
| Columnar epithelial cells (%) | -0.02 | -0.10 | 0.00 | -0.05 |
| Columnar epithelial cells (104/mL) | -0.40 | -0.50 | -0.32 | -0.47 |
| Squamous cells (%) | -0.03 | -0.01 | 0.21 | 0.13 |

Spearman r values given (n = 15). \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01.