

Supplemental Table 1. Clinical characteristics of patients.

SAMPLE	COLLECTION DATE	SEX	AGE (years)	SITE OF PRIMARY	DIAGNOSIS	PREVIOUS CHEMOTHERAPY	NEO ADJUVANT
M001	24/7/08	F	67	Colon	Synchronous	No	n.d.
M004	25/8/08	F	63	Colon	Synchronous	No	n.d.
M007	9/10/08	F	58	Colon	Synchronous	n.d.	n.d.
M014	18/11/08	F	48	Rectum	Metachronous	no	yes
M018	27/11/08	M	68	n.d.	n.d.	no	no
M019	3/12/08	M	71	Rectum	Metachronous	no	yes
M020	10/12/08	M	63	Colon	Metachronous	no	yes
M021	17/12/08	M	73	Colon	Synchronous	yes	yes
M025	12/1/09	F	71	Colon	Synchronous	yes	yes
M032	30/1/09	F	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
M036	4/2/09	M	64	Rectum	Synchronous	yes	no
M037	5/2/09	F	48	Colon	Synchronous	yes	yes
M039	9/2/09	M	60	Colon	Metachronous	no	yes
M041	3/3/09	M	75	Colon	Metachronous	no	no
M043	13/3/09	F	53	Colon	Synchronous	n.d.	n.d.
M047	20/3/09	F	74	n.d.	n.d.	no	no
M048	23/3/09	M	82	Colon	Metachronous	no	no
M050	9/4/09	M	46	Colon	Metachronous	n.d.	n.d.
M054	21/4/09	M	80	Colon	Synchronous	n.d.	n.d.
M057	6/5/09	F	56	Rectum	Metachronous	no	no
M059	4/6/09	M	87	Colon	Metachronous	no	no
M071	21/7/09	F	62	Colon	Metachronous	yes	yes
M075	30/7/09	M	55	Rectum	Synchronous	no	yes
M080	20/8/09	M	48	Rectum	Synchronous	no	yes
M085	11/9/09	M	69	Colon	Metachronous	no	no
M087	17/9/09	M	61	Colon	Synchronous	yes	no
M090	23/9/09	M	76	Colon	Synchronous	yes	no
M097	16/10/09	M	61	Colon	Synchronous	yes	yes
M099	2/10/09	M	46	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
M100	4/11/09	M	57	Colon	Synchronous	no	yes
M110	22/1/10	M	65	Colon	Synchronous	yes	yes
M112	8/2/10	F	77	Colon	Synchronous	yes	yes
M115	24/2/10	M	59	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
M120	13/4/10	M	45	Colon	Synchronous	no	yes
M121	15/4/10	M	70	Colon	Metachronous	yes	yes
M129	15/6/10	M	79	Colon	Synchronous	no	no
M131	15/7/10	M	78	Colon	Synchronous	no	no
M139	25/8/10	F	59	Colon	Synchronous	yes	no
M140	27/8/10	F	66	Rectum	Metachronous	no	no
M141	1/9/10	M	68	Colon	Metachronous	yes	yes