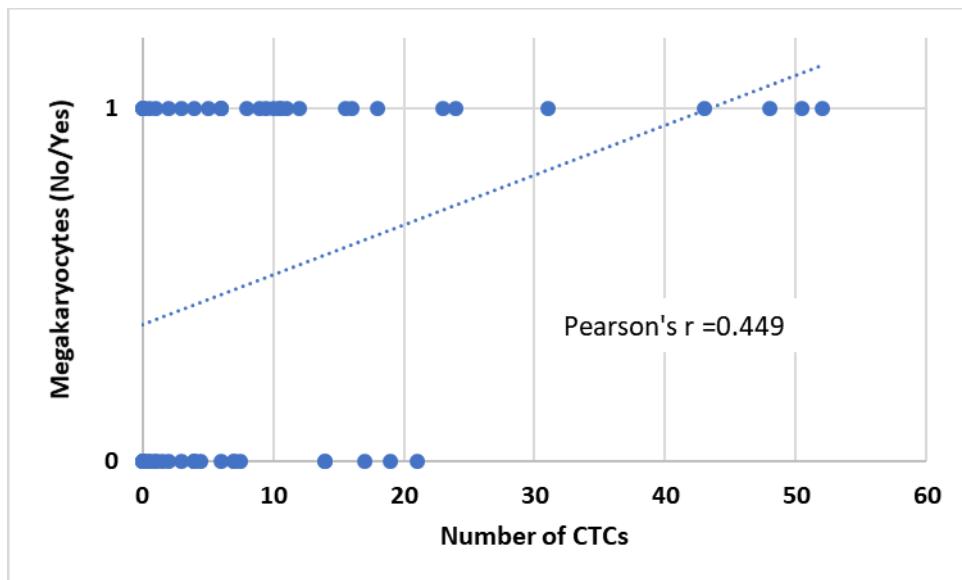
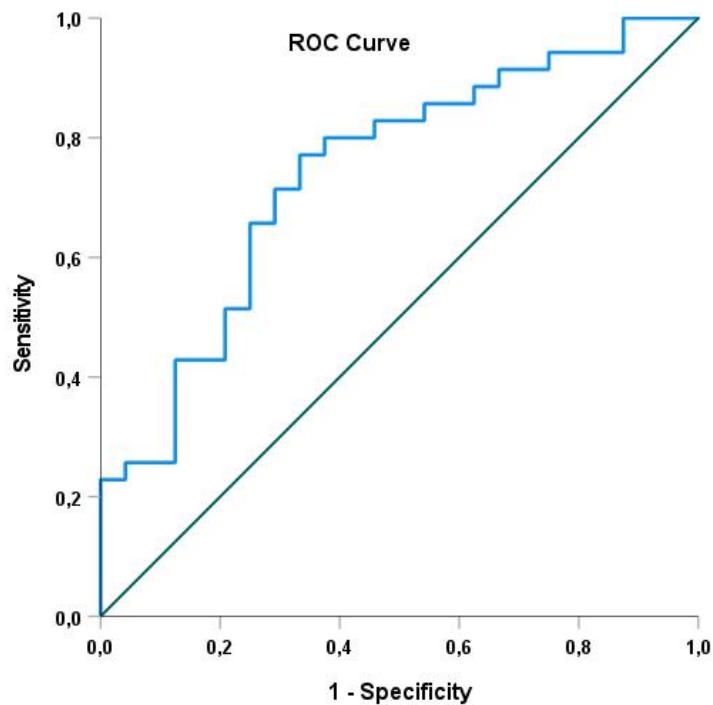
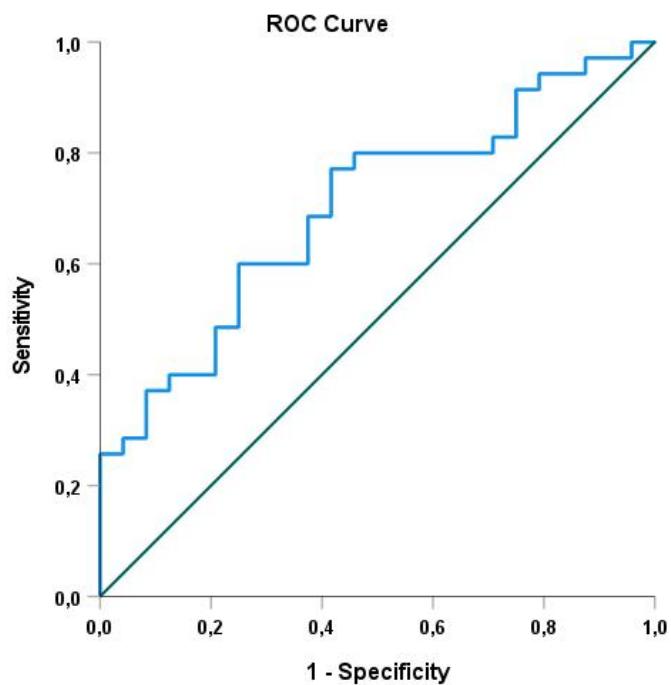


**Table S1.** Clinical data of patients at diagnosis

Variable		Number (%)
All patients		59 (100)
Age at cancer diagnosis (years)		
Median (SEM), range	50.3 (1.61), 24.8-81.8	
Histology	Invasive ductal carcinoma	48 (81.3)
	Invasive lobular carcinoma	6 (10.2)
	Another invasive carcinoma	4 (6.8)
	Ductal carcinoma in situ	1 (1.7)
Grade	Grade 1	3 (5.1)
	Grade 2	17 (28.8)
	Grade 3	36 (61.0)
	Unknown grade	3 (5.1)
Subtype	Luminal-like	37 (62.7)
	HER2-positive	12 (20.3)
	Triple negative	10 (17.0)
Tumor stage	T1 ( $\leq$ 20 mm)	11 (18.7)
	T2 ( $>$ 20 mm in $\leq$ 50 mm)	32 (54.2)
	T3 ( $>$ 50 mm)	16 (27.1)
Nodal stage	pN0	11 (18.7)
	pN1 (1-3 positive nodes)	16 (27.1)
	pN2 (4-6 positive nodes)	6 (10.2)
	pN3 ( $>$ 6 positive nodes)	15 (25.4)
	No pathological stage	11 (18.7)
M stage	M0	46 (78.0)
	M1 (primary metastatic)	13 (22.0)
Surgery	Mastectomy and axillary dissection	24 (40.7)
	Mastectomy and SNB	4 (6.8)
	Breast conserving surgery and axillary dissection	10 (16.9)
	Breast conserving surgery and SNB	7 (11.9)
	Hygienic breast ablation	1 (1.7)
	No surgery performed	13 (22.0)
Adjuvant treatment	(Neo)adjuvant chemotherapy	34 (57.6)
	Adjuvant radiation therapy	39 (66.1)
	Adjuvant endocrine therapy	32 (64.2)



**Figure S1.** Correlation between the number of megakaryocytes and the number of circulating tumor cells (CTCs)

**A****B**

**Figure S2.** ROC curves ) (A) for pan-inflammation value (PIV) and (A) systemic immune-inflammation index (SII).

The optimal cutoff value between the 'low' and 'high' PIV values was set at 368 and between 'low' and 'high' SII values at  $840 \times 10^9$

**Table S2.** Comparison of clinical and blood-based characteristics between groups with high and low systemic immune-inflammation index.

Variable	Low SII (<840)	High SII ( $\geq 840$ )	All	P-value
<b>Subtype</b>				
Luminal A/B	19 (51.4)	18 (48.6)	37 (62.7)	0.815
HER2 positive	6 (50.0)	6 (50.0)	12 (20.3)	
Triple negative	4 (40.0)	6 (50.0)	10 (16.9)	
<b>Type of therapy</b>				
Endocrine	12 (63.2)	7 (36.8)	19 (32.8)	0.113
Chemotherapy	16 (41.0)	23 (59.0)	39 (67.2)	
<b>Line of therapy</b>				
1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> line	15 (57.7)	11 (42.3)	26 (49.1)	0.408
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> line	9 (47.4)	10 (52.6)	19 (32.2)	
$\geq 5^{\text{th}}$ line	5 (35.7)	9 (64.3)	14 (23.7)	
<b>Cycle of therapy</b>				
1 <sup>th</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> cycle	9 (37.5)	15 (62.5)	24 (40.7)	0.138
$\geq 3^{\text{rd}}$ cycle	20 (57.1)	15 (42.9)	35 (59.3)	
<b>Skeletal metastases</b>				
No	6 (28.6)	15 (71.4)	21 (36.2)	<b>0.019</b>
Yes	23 (79.3)	14 (37.8)	37 (63.8)	
<b>Liver metastases</b>				
No	15 (60.0)	10 (40.0)	25 (42.4)	0.153
Yes	14 (41.2)	20 (58.8)	34 (57.6)	
<b>CTC clusters</b>				
No	26 (48.1)	28 (51.9)	54 (91.5)	0.612
Yes	3 (60.0)	2 (20)	5 (8.5)	
<b>Megakaryocytes</b>				
No	15 (63.6)	13 (46.4)	28 (47.5)	0.519
Yes	14 (45.2)	17 (54.8)	31 (52.5)	
<b>CTC group</b>				
0 CTC	4 (33.3)	8 (66.7)	12 (20.3)	0.468
1-4 CTC	11 (52.4)	10 (47.6)	21 (35.6)	
$\geq 5$ CTC	14 (53.8)	12 (46.2)	26 (44.1)	

SII: Systemic immune-inflammation index (SII), CTCs: Circulating tumor cells.