

**Table S1.** Summary statistics of log2-transformed measurements for each of three methods (M1, M2 and M3) of Ki-67 assessment by three different pathologists

Method	Pathologist	Min	Q1	Median	Mean	Q3	Max	SD	N. of missing observations
M1	1	0.14	3.34	4.18	4.03	4.91	6.46	1.26	0
M1	2	0.14	3.34	4.18	4.06	4.92	6.57	1.29	0
M1	3	0.14	3.02	3.92	3.76	4.65	6.41	1.34	0
M2	1	0.14	3.60	4.32	4.30	5.05	6.57	1.13	0
M2	2	0.14	3.60	4.33	4.36	5.17	6.60	1.14	0
M2	3	0.14	3.19	4.01	4.00	4.92	6.48	1.23	0
M3	1	1.63	3.92	4.65	4.49	5.25	6.41	1.11	336
M3	2	1.63	3.84	4.70	4.57	5.50	6.43	1.15	339
M3	3	1.07	3.87	4.47	4.37	5.13	6.34	1.09	338

**Table S2.** Baseline characteristics of patient and tumor in all patients (left part of table) and according S-phase fraction (SPF) and method 1 of Ki-67 expression in tumor (right part of table).

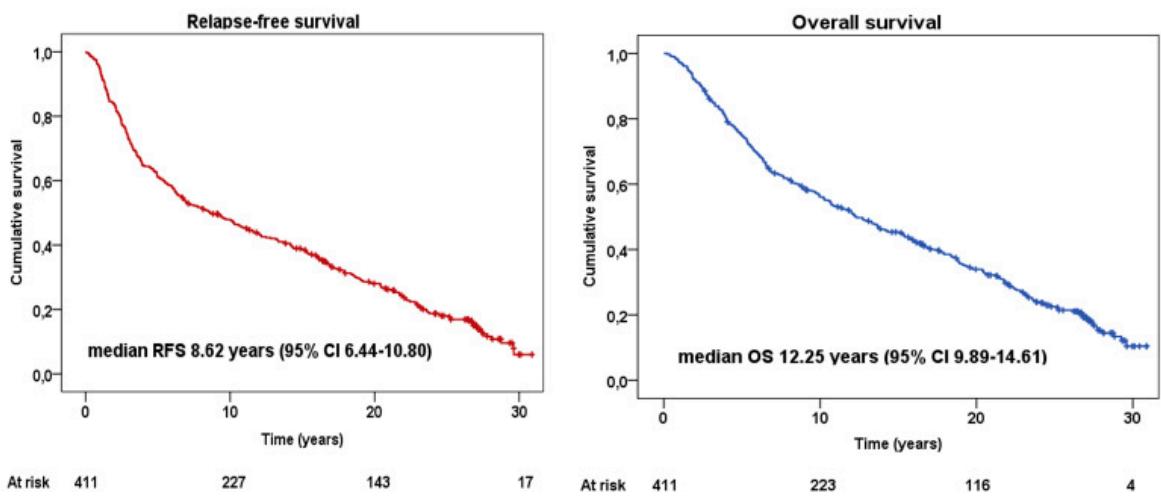
NST = invasive carcinoma of no special type; LVI = lymphovascular invasion; IQR = interquartile range

Characteristic n (%)	All patients n=411 (100)	Low SPF (<6.7%) n=193 (47)	High SPF (≥6.7%) n=218 (53)	p-value	Low Ki-67 1-5% n=57 (13.9)	Ki-67 6-29% n=258 (62.8)	High Ki-67 ≥30% n=96 (23.3)	p-value
<b>Age median (IQR)</b>	58.9 (46.7-67.2)	60.5 (47.7-68.6)	58.3 (46.7-65.4)		60.1 (50.2-68.1)	60.5 (50.3-60.0)	54.8 (44.4-65.4)	
<b>Age n (%)</b>				0.704				0.074
<50 years	123 (29.9)	56 (45.5)	67 (54.5)		13 (10.6)	71 (59.2)	37 (30.8)	
≥50 years	288 (70.1)	137 (47.6)	151 (52.4)		44 (15.3)	185 (64.2)	59 (21.1)	
<b>Histology n (%)</b>				0.077				<0.0001
NST	350 (85.2)	158 (45.1)	192 (54.9)		38 (10.9)	226 (64.6)	86 (24.6)	
ILC and other	61 (14.8)	35 (57.4)	26 (42.6)		19 (31.1)	32 (52.5)	10 (16.4)	
<b>Grade n (%)</b>				<0.0001				<0.0001
Grade 1	42 (10.2)	33 (78.6)	9 (21.4)		21 (50.0)	21 (50.0)	0 (0)	
Grade 2	170 (41.4)	104 (61.2)	66 (38.8)		32 (18.8)	132 (77.6)	6 (3.6)	
Grade 3	199 (48.4)	56 (28.1)	143 (71.9)		4 (2.0)	105 (52.8)	90 (45.2)	
<b>LVI n (%)</b>				0.011				0.495
Absent	218 (68.3)	111 (50.9)	107 (49.1)		37 (17.0)	138 (63.3)	43 (19.7)	
Present	191 (31.7)	36 (36.6)	65 (64.4)		12 (11.9)	67 (66.3)	22 (21.8)	
<b>Tumor stage n (%)</b>				0.038				0.014
pT1 (<20mm)	154 (37.5)	85 (55.2)	69 (44.8)		28 (18.2)	100 (64.9)	26 (16.9)	
pT2 (>20≤50)	221 (53.8)	93 (22.1)	128 (57.9)		22 (10.0)	141 (63.8)	58 (26.2)	
pT3 (>50 mm)	35 (8.5)	15 (42.9)	20 (57.1)		7 (20.0)	16 (45.7)	12 (34.3)	
Missing	1 (0.2)							
<b>Lymph nodes n (%)</b>				0.260				0.355
pN0 (negative)	227 (55.2)	116 (51.1)	111 (48.9)		25 (11.0)	146 (64.3)	56 (24.7)	
pN1 (1-3 positive)	100 (24.3)	44 (44.0)	56 (56.0)		19 (19.0)	60 (60.0)	21 (21.0)	
pN2 (4-9 positive)	49 (11.9)	20 (40.8)	29 (59.2)		8 (16.3)	33 (67.3)	8 (16.3)	
pN3 (≥10 positive)	35 (8.5)	13 (37.1)	22 (62.9)		5 (14.3)	19 (54.3)	11 (31.4)	
<b>Estrogen receptor (ER) n (%) (9)</b>				<0.0001				<0.0001
ER negative	126 (31.3)	38 (30.2)	88 (69.8)		7 (5.6)	61 (48.4)	58 (46.0)	
ER positive	276 (68.7)	151 (54.7)	125 (45.3)		49 (17.8)	192 (69.6)	35 (12.7)	

**Table S3.** Main treatment modalities in patients.

CMF: chemotherapy consisting of cyclophosphamide, 5-fluorouracil and methotrexate; RT: radiation therapy; ET: endocrine therapy; Cht: chemotherapy

Type of treatment	All patients (n=441)	Low SPF (<6.7%) (n=193)	High SPF (≥6.7%) (n=218)	p-value	Low Ki-67 1-5% (n=57)	Intermediate Ki-67 6-29% (n=258)	High Ki-67 ≥30% (n=96)	p-value
<b>Type of surgery</b>				0.780				0.513
Mastectomy	274 (66.7)	130 (47.4)	144 (52.6)		35 (12.8)	177 (64.6)	62 (22.6)	
BCS	137 (33.3)	63 (46)	74 (54)		22 (16.1)	81 (59.1)	34 (24.8)	
<b>Adjuvant RT</b>				0.010				0.078
No	263 (64.0)	136 (51.7)	127 (48.3)		43 (16.3)	165 (62.8)	55 (20.9)	
Yes	148 (36.0)	57 (38.5)	91 (61.5)		14 (9.5)	93 (62.8)	41 (27.7)	
<b>Adjuvant ET</b>				0.029				0.011
No	181 (44.0)	74 (40.9)	107 (59.1)		19 (10.5)	108 (59.7)	54 (29.8)	
Yes	230 (56.0)	119 (51.7)	111 (48.3)		38 (16.5)	150 (65.2)	42 (18.3)	
<b>Adjuvant Cht</b>				0.027				0.040
No	204 (49.6)	107 (52.5)	97 (47.5)		32 (15.7)	135 (66.2)	37 (18.1)	
Yes	207 (50.4)	86 (41.5)	121 (58.5)		25 (12.1)	123 (59.4)	59 (28.5)	
<b>Events</b>								
Relapse	221 (53.1)	99 (44.8)	122 (55.2)	0.213	25 (11.3)	143 (64.7)	53 (24.0)	0.270
Death	316 (76.9)	151 (47.8)	165 (52.2)	0.540	44 (13.9)	203 (64.2)	69 (21.8)	0.401



**Figure S1.** Survival curves for relapse-free survival and overall survival with corresponding median survival.