**Table S2.** Correlation of recurrence and recurrence-free-survival (RFS) with CTCs with different cut-off values.

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| Parameter | n | Recurrence | *P* | *RFS (P)\** | D-recurrence | *P* | *D-RFS (P)\** |
| **CTCs** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ≧ 1 | 32 | 9 | 0.5531 | 0.233 | 7 | 0.5658 | 0.292 |
| < 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| ≧ 2 | 25 | 8 | 0.2225 | 0.148 | 6 | 0.3999 | 0.29 |
| < 2 | 11 | 1 | 1 |
| ≧ 3 | 18 | 7 | 0.1212 | 0.055 | 5 | 0.4018 | 0.191 |
| < 3 | 18 | 2 | 2 |
| ≧ 4 | 9 | 5 | 0.0262 | 0.013 | 4 | 0.0497 | 0.029 |
| < 4 | 27 | 4 | 3 |

Abbreviation: n = number; RFS = recurrence-free survival; D =distant; D-RFS =distant recurrence-free survival; CTCs = circulating tumor cells.

\* Follow-up (days): min = 128; max = 723; mean = 518; median = 536.