

Supplementary Table 1: Results of the semiquantitative PCR analysis of *EGFR* amplification. We calculated the *EGFR/CFTR* ratios [x] from peripheral blood DNA of 20 healthy Caucasian adults. For tumor samples, a value [$x+3SD= 2.3$] was considered as the cut-off level for the normal gene copy number. Ratios higher than [$x+3SD$] were regarded as evidence of more than 2 copies of the *EGFR* gene.

	<i>EGFR/CFTR</i> ratios
G1p	5.9
G1r	6.9
G2p	2.2
G2r	19.3
G3p	1.5
G3r	1.6
G4p	14.2
G4r	15.9
G5p	3.5
G5r	4.1
G6p	1.5
G6r	8.7
G7p	1.1
G7r	1.5
G8p	1.6
G8r	9.1
G9p	1.6
G9r	9.9
G10p	6.5
G10r	9.1
G11p	3.8
G11r	8.3
G12p	14.4
G12r	20.1
G13p	3.6
G13r	4.7
G14p	1.3
G14r	1.4
G15p	9.6
G15r	9.9
G16p	1.3
G16r	1.6
G17p	4.4
G17r	5.1
G18p	3.2
G18r	3.7
G19p	8.3
G19r	8.6
G20p	10.2
G20r	12.2