



Additional file 3: Kaplan Meier analyses for overall survival (OS) according to CTC-dynamics relative to a threshold of 5 CTCs (<5 vs. ≥ 5) for the interval from baseline (q0) to the end of the first cycle docetaxel (q1).

Groups	CTC-counts	Patients, n	OS, months	95%CI	p
Group 1	always <5	11	24.8	n.a.	1 vs. 2: 0.03
Group 2	$\geq 5 \rightarrow <5$	7	13.9	5.8-21.9	1 vs. 3: <0.001
Group 3	$\geq 5 \rightarrow \geq 5$ or $<5 \rightarrow \geq 5$	15	8.5	6.6-10.5	2 vs. 3: 0.11