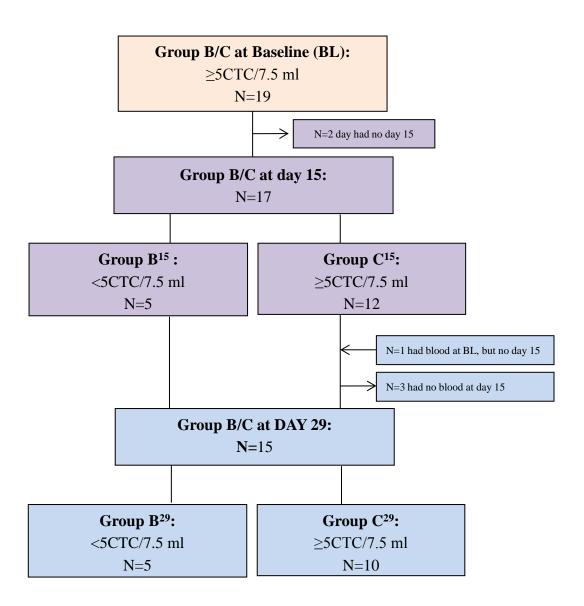
**Supplementary Figure 2.** REMARK diagram of the 19 patients who had elevated CTC (Group B/C) at baseline that were used to study "CTC-response".



Legend: **Group B/C**:  $\geq$ 5CTC/7.5 ml whole blood at BL; BL=baseline; **B**<sup>15</sup> and **B**<sup>29</sup>: patients that cleared their CTC from  $\geq$ 5CTC/7.5 ml at BL (Group B/C) to <5CTC at day 15(B<sup>15</sup>) and 29 (B<sup>29</sup>), respectively; **C**<sup>15</sup> and **C**<sup>29</sup>: patients that maintained  $\geq$ 5CTC/7.5 ml from BL (Group B/C) to day 15 (C<sup>15</sup>) and 29 (C<sup>29</sup>), respectively.