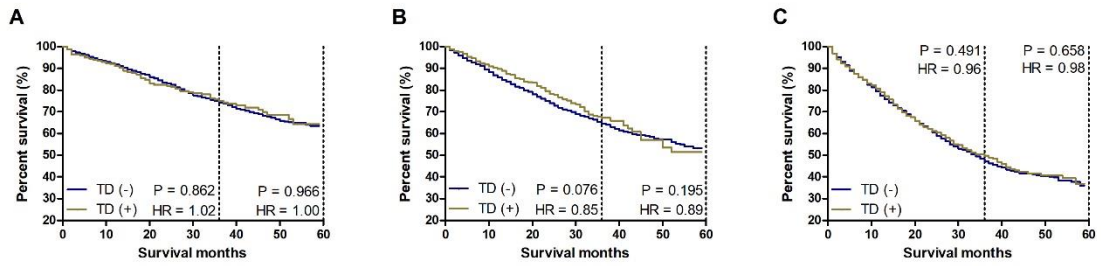


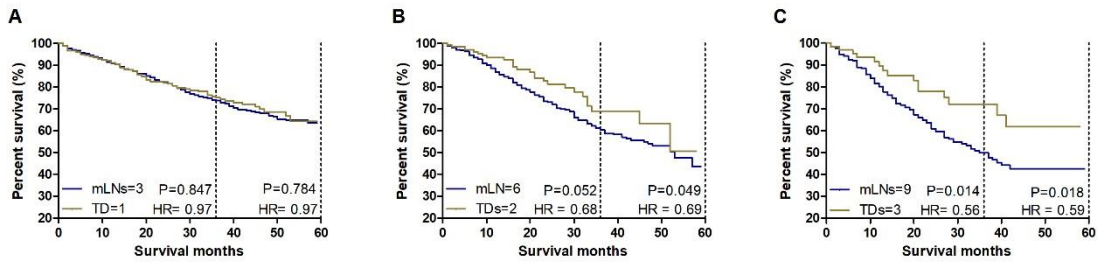
Reconsidering the prognostic significance of tumour deposit count in the TNM staging system for colorectal cancer

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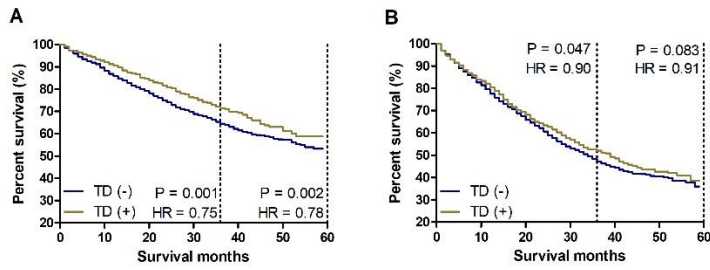
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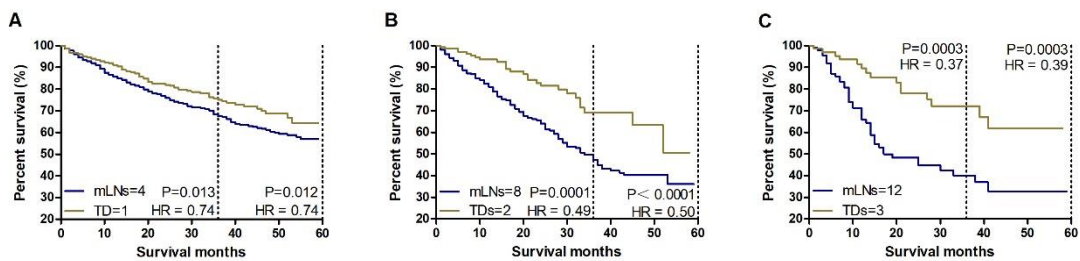
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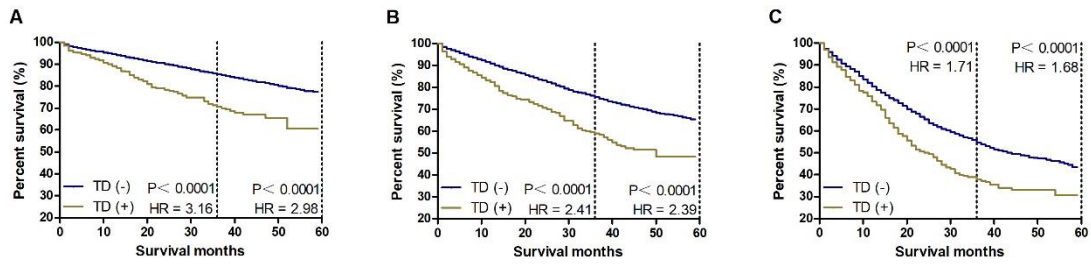
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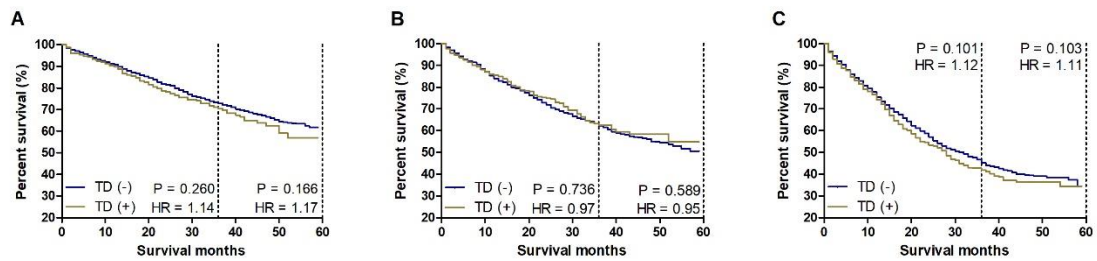
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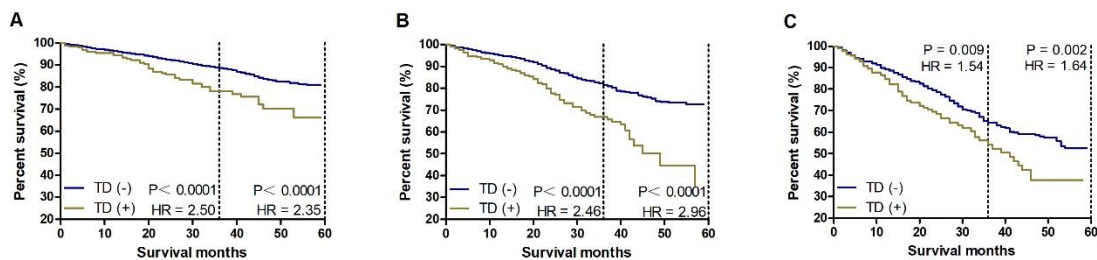
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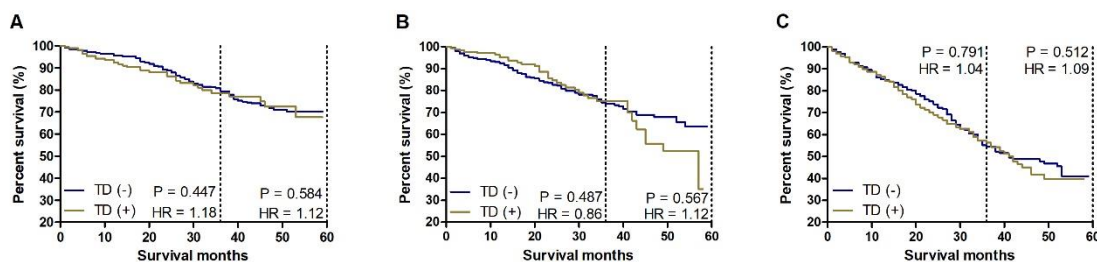
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Supplementary Figure 8. Survival comparisons between TD (+) and TD (-) in rectal cancer patients with the same number of mLNs. The number of mLNs is equal to the sum of the number of real mLNs and double the number of TDs. **(A)** Survival comparison between TD (+) and TD (-) in rectal cancer patients with 2-3 mLNs. **(B)** Survival comparison between TD (+) and TD (-) in rectal cancer patients with 4-6 mLNs. **(C)** Survival comparison between TD (+) and TD (-) in rectal cancer patients with ≥ 7 mLNs.