

## Supplementary material

### Supplementary Table

**Supplementary Table 1 Patient characteristics of transfused and non-transfused patients (30 days before IT start)**

	total (N = 55), n (%)	RBC transfusion (N = 9), n (%)	no RBC transfusion (N = 46), n (%)	p-value <sup>a</sup>
<b>age (years)</b>				
mean	62	55	64	0.094*
range	34-90	35-76	34-90	
elderly (>70)	15 (27.3)	2 (22.2)	13 (28.3)	1.000
<b>gender</b>				1.000
male	39 (70.9)	7 (77.8)	32 (69.6)	
female	16 (29.1)	2 (22.2)	14 (30.4)	
<b>ECOG</b>				1.000
0-1	35 (63.6)	6 (66.7)	29 (63.0)	
≥2	17 (30.9)	3 (33.3)	14 (30.4)	
<b>primarius</b>				0.421
lung	19 (34.5)	3 (33.3)	16 (34.8)	
skin	7 (12.7)	0 (0)	7 (15.2)	
head neck	10 (18.2)	3 (33.3)	7 (15.2)	
urogenital	5 (9.1)	0 (0)	5 (10.9)	
CUP	4 (7.3)	0 (0)	4 (8.7)	
breast	3 (5.5)	1 (11.1)	2 (4.3)	
others	7 (12.7)	2 (22.2)	5 (10.9)	
<b>one drug immunotherapy</b>				1.000
Atezolizumab	8 (14.5)	3 (33.3)	5 (10.9)	
Pembrolizumab/Nivolumab	34 (61.8)	4 (44.4)	30 (65.2)	
Ipilimumab	1 (1.8)	0 (0)	1 (2.2)	
<b>two drug immunotherapy</b>				
Nivolumab+Ipilimumab	12 (21.8)	2 (22.2)	10 (21.7)	
<b>additional therapy</b>				
additional chemotherapy	15 (27.3)	4 (44.4)	11 (23.9)	0.236
additional radiotherapy	11 (20.0)	3 (33.3)	8 (17.4)	0.362
<b>line of therapy</b>				0.166
1	14 (25.5)	3 (33.3)	11 (23.9)	
2	15 (27.3)	0 (0)	15 (32.6)	
3	13 (23.6)	4 (44.4)	9 (19.6)	
4	5 (9.1)	1 (11.1)	4 (8.7)	
≥5	8 (14.5)	1 (11.1)	7 (15.2)	
mean	2.7	2.7	2.7	
<b>number of organs with metastasis</b>				0.070*
mean	1.7	2.3	1.7	
<b>LDH</b>				0.051*
mean	317	704	238	

<sup>a</sup>was calculated using Fisher's exact/\*Wilcoxon

RBC = red blood cell, CUP = cancer of unknown primary