

# Supplementary Materials: Prognostic Impact of Immunoglobulin Kappa C (IGKC) in Early Breast Cancer

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**Table S1.** Cox univariable analysis for DDFS including all patients ( $n = 909$ ). CI, confidence interval; IGKC, immunoglobulin kappa C; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; TNBC, triple-negative breast cancer.

Variable	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>
IGKC, continuous	0.982	0.920–1.048	0.589
IGKC			
< median	1.000		
≥ median	0.948	0.685–1.312	0.748
IGKC			
< 75 <sup>th</sup> quantile	1.000		
≥ 75 <sup>th</sup> quantile	0.862	0.585–1.270	0.453
Age			
≤ 50 years	1.000		
> 50 years	0.829	0.599–1.147	0.258
ER status			
Negative	1.000		
Positive	0.522	0.375–0.728	<0.001
PR status <sup>1</sup>			
Negative	1.000		
Positive	0.667	0.482–0.922	0.014
HER2 status			
Negative	1.000		
Positive	1.744	1.233–2.469	0.002
Molecular subtype			
Luminal	1.000		
TNBC	2.354	1.545–3.587	<0.001
HER2+	2.143	1.476–3.112	<0.001
Ki67 <sup>2</sup>			
≤ 20%	1.000		
> 20%	1.984	1.383–2.847	<0.001
pT stage <sup>1</sup>			
pT1	1.000		
pT2-4	1.748	1.230–2.484	0.002
pN stage			
pN0	1.000		
pN1-3	2.149	1.053–4.382	0.035
Grade <sup>3</sup>			
Grade I	1.000		
Grade II-III	4.331	1.911–9.814	<0.001

<sup>1</sup>  $n = 908$ , <sup>2</sup>  $n = 809$ , <sup>3</sup>  $n = 869$

**Table S2.** Cox multivariable analysis for DDFS (all patients). 868 patients had complete data for all variables and were included in the multivariable analysis. *IGKC* expression was dichotomized using the median **(a)** or the top quartile **(b)** as cutoff. The results for *IGKC* expression as a continuous variable are shown in Table 2. CI, confidence interval; *IGKC*, immunoglobulin kappa C; *HER2*, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; *TNBC*, triple-negative breast cancer.

<b>(a)</b>			
<b>Variable</b>	<b>Hazard Ratio</b>	<b>95% CI</b>	<b><i>p</i></b>
<i>IGKC</i>			
< median	1.000		
≥ median	0.815	0.580–1.145	0.238
Age			
≤ 50 years	1.000		
> 50 years	0.899	0.643–1.257	0.533
Molecular subtype			
Luminal	1.000		
<i>TNBC</i>	2.467	1.557–3.909	<0.001
<i>HER2</i> +	2.007	1.355–2.972	0.001
pT stage			
pT1	1.000		
pT2-4	1.622	1.123–2.343	0.010
pN stage			
pN0	1.000		
pN1-3	4.175	1.908–9.135	<0.001
Grade			
Grade I	1.000		
Grade II-III	2.834	1.219–6.592	0.016

  

<b>(b)</b>			
<b>Variable</b>	<b>Hazard Ratio</b>	<b>95% CI</b>	<b><i>p</i></b>
<i>IGKC</i>			
< 75 <sup>th</sup> quantile	1.000		
≥ 75 <sup>th</sup> quantile	0.619	0.410–0.934	0.022
Age			
≤ 50 years	1.000		
> 50 years	0.904	0.646–1.263	0.553
Molecular subtype			
Luminal	1.000		
<i>TNBC</i>	2.689	1.690–4.279	<0.001
<i>HER2</i> +	2.087	1.410–3.090	<0.001
pT stage			
pT1	1.000		
pT2-4	1.604	1.111–2.316	0.012
pN stage			
pN0	1.000		
pN1-3	4.322	1.974–9.464	<0.001
Grade			
Grade I	1.000		
Grade II-III	2.979	1.282–6.924	0.011

**Table S3.** Cox univariable and multivariable analyses for DDFS in patients with TNBC. Median *IGKC* expression for the patients with TNBC **(a)** or the top quartile **(b)** was used as a cut-off to distinguish between low and high *IGKC*. 132 patients had data for *IGKC* and were included in the univariable analysis. 129 patients had complete data for all variables and were included in the multivariable analysis. CI, confidence interval; *IGKC*, immunoglobulin kappa C; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2

**(a)**

Variable	Univariable Analysis			Multivariable Analysis		
	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>
<i>IGKC</i>						
< median	1.000			1.000		
≥ median	0.418	0.198–0.882	0.022	0.322	0.146–0.712	0.005
Age						
≤ 50 years	1.000			1.000		
> 50 years	0.427	0.209–0.874	0.020	0.324	0.150–0.701	0.004
pT stage						
pT1	1.000			1.000		
pT2-4	0.839	0.388–1.813	0.654	1.469	0.630–3.427	0.373
pN stage						
pN0	1.000			1.000		
pN1-3	2.796	1.076–7.262	0.035	3.932	1.321–11.705	0.014
Grade <sup>1</sup>						
Grade I-II <sup>2</sup>	1.000			1.000		
Grade III	0.642	0.286–1.442	0.283	0.735	0.319–1.693	0.470

<sup>1</sup> *n* = 129; <sup>2</sup> grade was dichotomized as I-II vs III since there was only one TNBC patient with a grade I tumor.

**(b)**

Variable	Univariable Analysis			Multivariable Analysis		
	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>
<i>IGKC</i>						
< 75th quantile	1.000			1.000		
≥ 75th quantile	0.172	0.041–0.719	0.016	0.197	0.045–0.852	0.030
Age						
≤ 50 years	1.000			1.000		
> 50 years	0.427	0.209–0.874	0.020	0.465	0.216–1.003	0.051
pT stage						
pT1	1.000			1.000		
pT2-4	0.839	0.388–1.813	0.654	1.193	0.510–2.789	0.684
pN stage						
pN0	1.000			1.000		
pN1-3	2.796	1.076–7.262	0.035	3.527	1.179–10.550	0.024
Grade <sup>1</sup>						
Grade I-II <sup>2</sup>	1.000			1.000		
Grade III	0.642	0.286–1.442	0.283	0.782	0.337–1.813	0.566

<sup>1</sup> *n* = 129; <sup>2</sup> grade was dichotomized as I-II vs III since there was only one TNBC patient with a grade I tumor.

**Table S4:** Cox univariable and multivariable analysis for DDFS in patients with luminal breast cancer. 574 patients had data for *IGKC* and were included in the univariable analysis. 540 patients had complete data for all variables and were included in the multivariable analysis. *IGKC* expression was included as a continuous variable **(a)** or the median **(b)** or top quartile **(c)** of *IGKC* expression in patient with luminal breast cancer was used as a cut-off to distinguish between low and high *IGKC*. CI, confidence interval; *IGKC*, immunoglobulin kappa C; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2

**(a)**

Variable	Univariable Analysis			Multivariable Analysis		
	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>
<i>IGKC</i>	0.968	0.876–1.070	0.524	0.960	0.868–1.061	0.419
Age						
≤ 50 years	1.000			1.000		
> 50 years	0.920	0.569–1.490	0.735	1.135	0.685–1.880	0.623
pT stage <sup>1</sup>						
pT1	1.000			1.000		
pT2-4	2.454	1.454–4.142	0.001	2.228	1.285–3.865	0.004
pN stage						
pN0	1.000			1.000		
pN1-3	3.171	0.440–22.847	0.252	4.208	0.574–30.832	0.157
Grade <sup>2</sup>						
Grade I	1.000			1.000		
Grade II-III	3.793	1.521–9.459	0.004	3.241	1.284–8.183	0.013

<sup>1</sup> *n* = 573, <sup>2</sup> *n* = 541

**(b)**

Variable	Univariable Analysis			Multivariable Analysis		
	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>
<i>IGKC</i>						
< median	1.000			1.000		
≥ median	1.000	0.619–1.614	0.999	0.970	0.592–1.592	0.906
Age						
≤ 50 years	1.000			1.000		
> 50 years	0.920	0.569–1.490	0.735	1.137	0.686–1.884	0.618
pT stage <sup>1</sup>						
pT1	1.000			1.000		
pT2-4	2.454	1.454–4.142	0.001	2.246	1.296–3.895	0.004
pN stage						
pN0	1.000			1.000		
pN1-3	3.171	0.440–22.847	0.252	4.257	0.581–31.182	0.154
Grade <sup>2</sup>						
Grade I	1.000			1.000		
Grade II-III	3.793	1.521–9.459	0.004	3.234	1.280–8.169	0.013

<sup>1</sup> *n* = 573, <sup>2</sup> *n* = 541

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(c)

Variable	Univariable Analysis			Multivariable Analysis		
	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>
IGKC						
< 75th quan- tile	1.000			1.000		
≥ 75th quan- tile	0.634	0.339–1.184	0.153	0.578	0.301–1.109	0.099
Age						
≤ 50 years	1.000			1.000		
> 50 years	0.920	0.569–1.490	0.735	1.138	0.687–1.884	0.615
pT stage <sup>1</sup>						
pT1	1.000			1.000		
pT2-4	2.454	1.454–4.142	0.001	2.249	1.298–3.895	0.004
pN stage						
pN0	1.000			1.000		
pN1-3	3.171	0.440–22.847	0.252	4.309	0.589–31.538	0.150
Grade <sup>2</sup>						
Grade I	1.000			1.000		
Grade II-III	3.793	1.521–9.459	0.004	3.305	1.308–8.349	0.011

<sup>1</sup> n = 573, <sup>2</sup> n = 541

**Table S5:** Cox univariable and multivariable analysis for DDFS in patients with HER2-positive breast cancer. 203 patients had data for *IGKC* and were included in the univariable analysis. 199 patients had complete data for all variables and were included in the multivariable analysis. *IGKC* expression was included as a continuous variable **(a)** or the median **(b)** or top quartile **(c)** of *IGKC* expression in HER2-positive patients was used as a cut-off to distinguish between low and high *IGKC*. CI, confidence interval; *IGKC*, immunoglobulin kappa C; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2

**(a)**

Variable	Univariable Analysis			Multivariable Analysis		
	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>
<i>IGKC</i>	0.944	0.837–1.064	0.343	0.933	0.826–1.055	0.271
Age						
≤ 50 years	1.000			1.000		
> 50 years	1.159	0.650–2.067	0.616	1.219	0.675–2.201	0.512
pT stage						
pT1	1.000			1.000		
pT2-4	1.053	0.576–1.926	0.867	1.272	0.688–2.351	0.442
pN stage						
pN0	1.000			1.000		
pN1-3	4.322	1.048–17.820	0.043	4.863	1.155–20.479	0.031
Grade <sup>1</sup>						
Grade I-II <sup>2</sup>	1.000			1.000		
Grade III	0.817	0.452–1.477	0.504	0.910	0.501–1.653	0.757

<sup>1</sup> *n* = 199; <sup>2</sup> grade was dichotomized as I-II vs III since there was only five HER2-positive patients with a grade I tumor.

**(b)**

Variable	Univariable Analysis			Multivariable Analysis		
	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>
<i>IGKC</i>						
< median	1.000			1.000		
≥ median	0.688	0.386–1.226	0.204	0.730	0.406–1.315	0.295
Age						
≤ 50 years	1.000			1.000		
> 50 years	1.159	0.650–2.067	0.616	1.230	0.680–2.225	0.494
pT stage						
pT1	1.000			1.000		
pT2-4	1.053	0.576–1.926	0.867	1.269	0.687–2.344	0.447
pN stage						
pN0	1.000			1.000		
pN1-3	4.322	1.048–17.820	0.043	4.584	1.091–19.258	0.038
Grade <sup>1</sup>						
Grade I-II <sup>2</sup>	1.000			1.000		
Grade III	0.817	0.452–1.477	0.504	0.930	0.510–1.696	0.813

<sup>1</sup> *n* = 199; <sup>2</sup> grade was dichotomized as I-II vs III since there was only five HER2-positive patients with a grade I tumor.

**(c)**

Variable	Univariable Analysis			Multivariable Analysis		
	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>	Hazard ratio	95% CI	<i>p</i>
<i>IGKC</i>						

< 75th quan- tile	1.000			1.000		
≥ 75th quan- tile	0.949	0.527–1.709	0.862	0.910	0.500–1.656	0.757
Age						
≤ 50 years	1.000			1.000		
> 50 years	1.159	0.650–2.067	0.616	1.208	0.669–2.183	0.531
pT stage						
pT1	1.000			1.000		
pT2-4	1.053	0.576–1.926	0.867	1.264	0.684–2.336	0.455
pN stage						
pN0	1.000			1.000		
pN1-3	4.322	1.048–17.820	0.043	4.718	1.118–19.907	0.035
Grade <sup>1</sup>						
Grade I-II <sup>2</sup>	1.000			1.000		
Grade III	0.817	0.452–1.477	0.504	0.909	0.499–1.655	0.754

<sup>1</sup>  $n = 199$ ; <sup>2</sup> grade was dichotomized as I-II vs III since there was only five HER2-positive patients with a grade I tumor.