

## Article

# Thrombospondin-2 and LDH Are Putative Predictive Biomarkers for Treatment with Everolimus in Second-Line Metastatic Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma (MARC-2 Study)

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## Supplementary Materials

**Table S1.** Absolute genotype distribution of the mTOR polymorphisms mTOR3162/rs2295080, mTOR3099/rs2295079 and mTOR8600/rs2536, mTOR8167/rs12139042 in 54 patients. As mTOR3162/mTOR3099 and mTOR8600/mTOR8167 always have the corresponding genotype, only the alleles of mTOR3162 and mTOR8600 are shown.

		rs2536/rs12139042		Total
		AA	AG	
rs2295080/rs2295079	AA	23	0	23
	AC	17	5	22
	CC	7	2	9
Total		47	7	54

**Table S2.** Overall response at day 56, stratified by the mTOR3162/rs2295080 polymorphism.

	AA	AC	CC
Partial response (PR)	1 (5%)	-	1 (14%)
Stable disease (SD)	12 (60%)	15 (71%)	3 (43%)
Progressive disease (PD)	7 (35%)	6 (29%)	3 (43%)
Total	20 (100%)	21 (100%)	7 (100%)

**Table S3.** Univariate and multiple Cox Regression analysis to compare the impact of pre-specified patient groups and the exploratory biomarkers on day 15 on the progression-free survival in the full-analysis set (FAS). The number next to each group indicates the quantity of patients included within the corresponding analysis.

		Univariate			Multiple		
		Pat.	HR (95%CI)	p-Value	Pat.	HR (95%CI)	p-Value
Age	<65 years	31	1	0.004	16	1	0.001
	≥65 years	32	0.45 (0.26–0.78)		18	0.25 (0.11–0.58)	
Gender	male	48	-	0.082	-	-	-
	female	15	-		-	-	
BMI	≤25kg/m <sup>2</sup>	22	1	0.042	11	1	0.039
	>25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	41	0.57 (0.33–0.98)		23	0.43 (0.19–0.96)	
IMDC Risk Groups	fav. + interm.	47	1	0.029	28	-	0.565
	poor	11	2.16 (1.08–4.3)		6	-	
TSP-2 C1D15	>635 ppb	22	1	0.025	20	1	0.004
	≤635 ppb	14	0.42 (0.19–0.90)		14	0.27 (0.11–0.67)	
LDH C1D15	≤27.14 nmol/L	21	1	0.015	15	-	0.188
	>27.14 nmol/L	30	0.46 (0.24–0.86)		19	-	

95%CI: 95% confidence interval, BMI: body mass index, HR: hazard ratio, IMDC: International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium, LDH: lactate dehydrogenase, pat.: patients, TSP-2: thrombospondin 2.

**Table S4.** Univariate and multiple Cox Regression analysis to compare the impact of pre-specified patient groups and the baseline exploratory biomarkers on the overall survival in the full-analysis set (FAS). The number next to each group indicates the quantity of patients included within the corresponding analysis.

		Univariate			Multiple		
		Pat.	HR (95%CI)	<i>p</i> -Value	Pat.	HR (95%CI)	<i>p</i> -Value
Age	<65 years	31	-	0.226	-	-	-
	≥65 years	32	-		-	-	
Gender	male	48	-	0.082	-	-	-
	female	15	-		-	-	
BMI	≤25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	22	1	0.010	21	1	<0.001
	>25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	41	0.45 (0.25–0.83)		37	0.29 (0.15–0.56)	
IMDC Risk Groups	fav. + interm.	47	1	0.039	47	1	0.015
	poor	11	2.14 (1.04–4.40)		11	2.5 (1.19–5.31)	
TSP-2 C1D1	>665 ppb	22	-	0.201	-	-	-
	≤665 ppb	19	-		-	-	

95%CI: 95% confidence interval, BMI: body mass index, HR: hazard ratio, IMDC: International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium, pat.: patients, TSP-2: thrombospondin 2.

**Table S5.** Univariate and multiple Cox Regression analysis to compare the impact of pre-specified patient groups and the exploratory biomarkers on day 15 on the overall survival in the full-analysis set (FAS). The number next to each group indicates the quantity of patients included within the corresponding analysis.

		Univariate			Multiple		
		Pat.	HR (95%CI)	<i>p</i> -Value	Pat.	HR (95%CI)	<i>p</i> -Value
Age	<65 years	31	-	0.226	-	-	-
	≥65 years	32	-		-	-	
Gender	male	48	-	0.082	-	-	-
	female	15	-		-	-	
BMI	≤25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	22	1	0.010	16	1	0.011
	>25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	41	0.45 (0.25–0.83)		31	0.38 (0.18–0.80)	
IMDC Risk Groups	fav. + interm.	47	1	0.039	39	1	0.008
	poor	11	2.14 (1.04–4.40)		8	3.36 (1.37–8.22)	
TSP-2 C1D15	>635 ppb	22	-	0.465	-	-	-
	≤635 ppb	14	-		-	-	
LDH C1D15	≤27.14 nmol/L	21	1	<0.001	18	1	<0.001
	>27.14 nmol/L	30	0.20 (0.09–0.43)		29	0.21 (0.09–0.48)	

95%CI: 95% confidence interval, BMI: body mass index, HR: hazard ratio, IMDC: International Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma Database Consortium, LDH: lactate dehydrogenase, pat.: patients, TSP-2: thrombospondin 2.

**Table S6.** To rule out the impact of a potential lead time bias on the results, the Cox regression analysis for the progression-free survival was repeated for the biomarkers on day 15, with the landmark set to day 15.

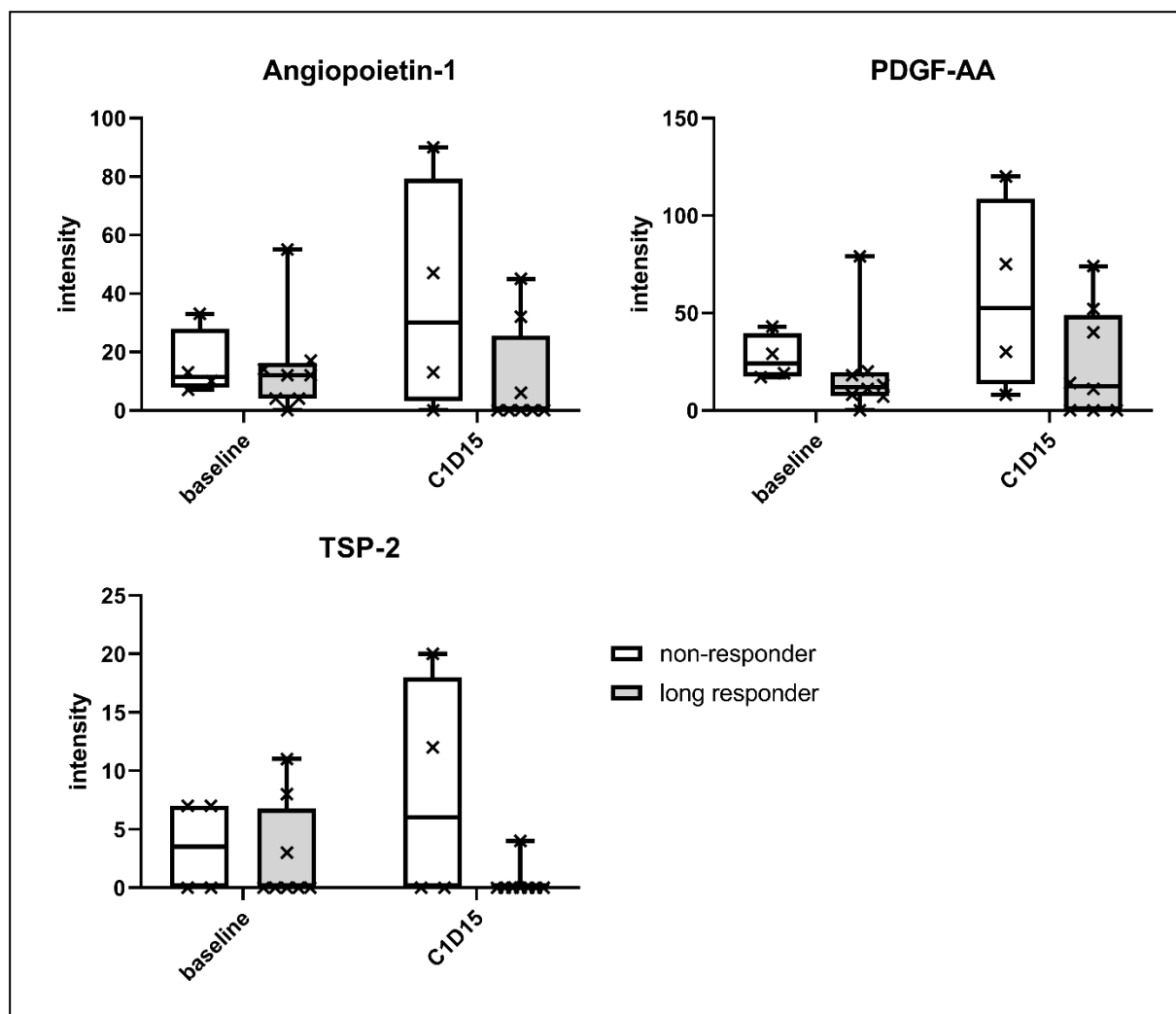
		Univariate			Multiple		
		Pat.	HR (95%CI)	<i>p</i> -Value	Pat.	HR (95%CI)	<i>p</i> -Value
Age	<65 years	31	1	0.005	16	1	0.001
	≥65 years	32	0.46 (0.27–0.79)		18	0.25 (0.11–0.58)	
Gender	male	48	-	0.166	-	-	-
	female	15	-		-	-	
BMI	≤25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	22	1	0.036	11	1	0.040
	>25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	41	0.56 (0.32–0.96)		23	0.43 (0.19–0.96)	
IMDC Risk Groups	fav. + interm.	47	1	0.023	28	-	0.568
	poor	11	2.22 (1.12–4.42)		6	-	
TSP-2	>635 ppb	22	1	0.025	20	1	0.005
C1D15	≤635 ppb	14	0.42 (0.19–0.90)		14	0.27 (0.11–0.67)	
LDH	≤27.14 nmol/L	21	1	0.017	15	-	0.189
C1D15	>27.14 nmol/L	30	0.46 (0.24–0.87)		19	-	

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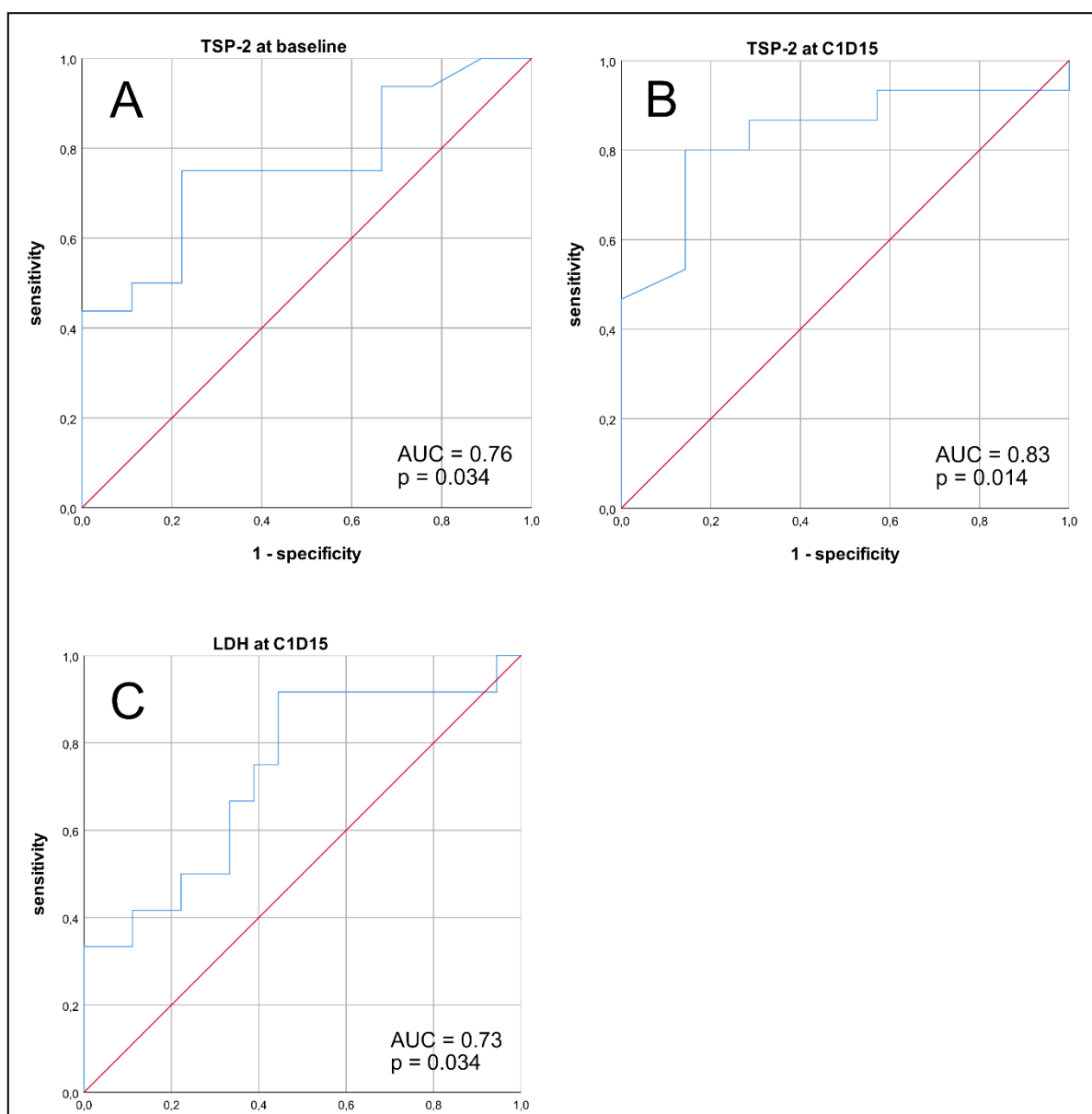
**Table S7.** Cox Regression analysis to compare the impact of pre-specified patient groups and the exploratory biomarkers on day 15 on the overall survival in the full-analysis set, with the landmark set to day 15.

		Univariate			Multiple		
		Pat.	HR (95%CI)	<i>p</i> -Value	Pat.	HR (95%CI)	<i>p</i> -value
Age	<65 years	31	-	0.226	-	-	-
	≥65 years	32	-		-	-	
Gender	male	48	-	0.079	-	-	-
	female	15	-		-	-	
BMI	≤25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	22	1	0.011	16	1	0.013
	>25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	41	0.45 (0.25–0.83)		31	0.38 (0.18–0.82)	
IMDC Risk Groups	fav. + interm.	47	1	0.039	39	1	0.008
	poor	11	2.14 (1.04–4.41)		8	3.35 (1.34–8.19)	
TSP-2	>635 ppb	22	-	0.465	-	-	-
C1D15	≤635 ppb	14	-		-	-	
LDH	≤27.14 nmol/L	21	1	<0.001	18	1	<0.001
C1D15	>27.14 nmol/L	30	0.20 (0.10–0.43)		29	0.22 (0.09–0.49)	

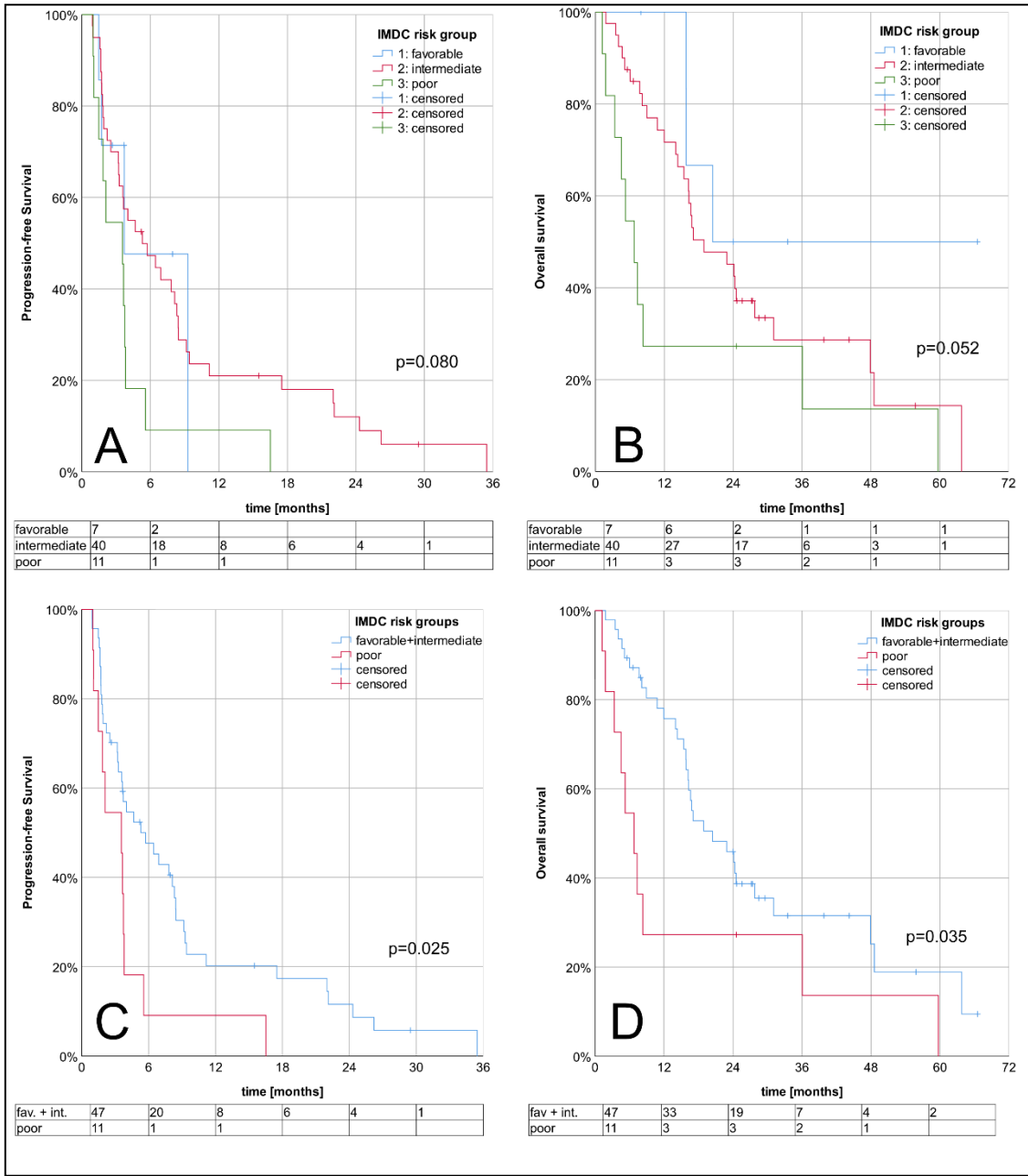
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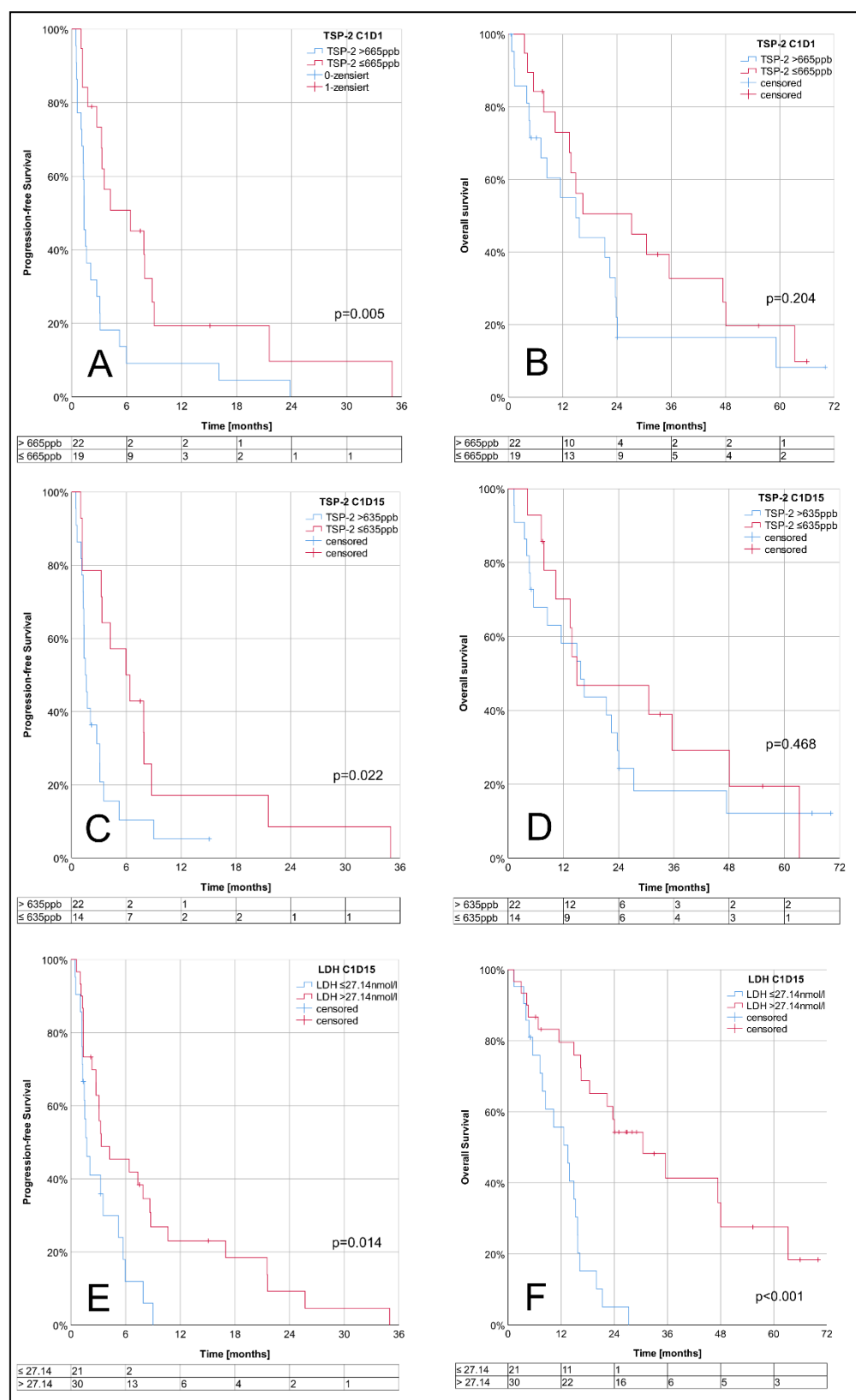
**Figure S1.** Angiopoietin-1, the platelet-derived-growth factor-AA (PDGF-AA) and thrombospondin-2 (TSP-2) appeared to increase in non-responders, but to decrease in long responders in the screening cohort comprising 12 patients (eight responders, four non-responders), measured by antibody array.



**Figure S2.** ROC analyses to calculate the optimal cut-offs for baseline Thrombospondin-2 (A), thrombospondin-2 at day 15 (B) and LDH at day 15 (C) to discriminate long-term responders from early non-responders.



**Figure S3.** Progression-free survival (A,C) and overall survival (B,D), stratified by IMDC risk groups in the FAS. For (C) and (D), patients at favorable and intermediate risk were compared with poor risk. The tables below each Kaplan Meier diagram indicate the corresponding number of patients at risk.



**Figure S4.** As a part of the landmark analysis, the Kaplan Meier analyses for progression-free survival (PFS) and overall survival (OS), stratified by TSP-2 levels at baseline, see (A,B), C1D15 (C,D) and by LDH level at C1D15, were calculated again with the landmark set to day 15 in order to determine the impact of a potential lead time bias.