Supplementary table 1. Overview of the four grades of immunohistochemical staining for VEGFR 1-3

Receptor	Grading	n	%
VEGFR 1	Negative	39	15.7
	Weakly positive	63	25.3
	Moderately positive	90	36.1
	Strongly positive	57	22.9
VEGFR 2	Negative	189	75.9
	Weakly positive	44	17.7
	Moderately positive	15	6.0
	Strongly positive	1	0.4
VEGFR 3	Negative	24	9.6
	Weakly positive	71	28.5
	Moderately positive	100	40.2
	Strongly positive	54	21.7