

Supplementary Table S1. Summary of tables, cell markers assessed and methodology

First author, year (ref)	Colon (C) Rectal (R) Colorectal (CR)	Section assessed	Cutoff	Marker assessed	Anti-body	Blind- ing	Membrane or Cytoplasm	Adjustment variables	Sample size	Surv- ival
Tumour infiltrating lymphocytes										
Berntsson 2018 (11)	CR	TMA 1mm	Manual counts of positive TILs (cutoff 10% or ROC for absolute PDCD1)	CD274 PDCD1	Cell Signalling (1:200) Abcam (1:50)	Y		Age, Sex, TNM, tumour grade, VI	557	OS
Calik 2019 (22)	CR	Whole	Manual counts TILs (cutoff >5%)	CD274	Master diagnostic (dilutions not specified)	N		Intratumoural CD8, CD8 at IM, CD274 on tumour	157	DFS
D'Alterio 2016 (18)	CR	CRLM (whole)	Stromal CD274 (>15% cutoff) TILs PDCD1 (manual counts, uncl. Cutoff)	CD274 PDCD1	Dr Lieping Chen's lab and Spring Bioscience Ventana	Y		Age, sex, number of mets, KRAS, CXCR4, CXCR7, CD274 mRNA	33	PFS CSS
Droeser 2013 (12)	CR	TMA 0.6mm	Semiquantitative (strong vs low/absent)	PDCD1	R&D systems (dilutions not specified)	Y		Age, sex, T-stage, N-stage, tumour grade, VI, pattern of invasion, MMR status	423	OS
Enkhbat 2018 (17)	CR	Whole	>20% T-cells	PDCD1	R&D systems (1:40)	Y		Age, sex, tumour grade, T-stage, TNM (stage III), VI, LI, colonic site (left/right), tumour diameter, PDCD1 tumour	116	DFS OS
Hecht 2016 (23)	R	Biopsy and TMA 1.6mm	Semiquantitative and percentage max staining cells (median cutoff)	CD274	Cell Signalling (1:100)	Y		Age, sex, T-stage, N-stage, M-stage, TNM, Grade	199	DFS OS
Ho et al 2019 (24)	CR	TMA (unclear)	Semiquantitative in Stroma and counts in intra-epithelial	CD274	Dako (dilutions not specified)	Y		T-stage, TNM, tumour grade, colonic site, LVI, MSI, tumour CD274	238	OS
Huang 2018 (13)	R	Biopsy	>1% immune cells	PDCD1	Abcam (dilutions not specified)	Y		Age, sex, N-stage, neo-adj response, TRG, cyto-HMGB1	89	DFS
Koganemura 2017 (25)	CR	Whole	>5% immune cells	CD274	Spring Bioscience (dilutions not specified)	N		Age, sex, colonic site, tumour grade, CD8, adjuvant therapy, CD274 on tumour	235	DFS
Ledys 2018 (31)	CR	Whole liver met	>5% immune cells	CD274	Roche (pre-diluted)	N	Any	Age, sex, adjuvant therapy, KRAS, BRAF, colonic site, CD8, HLA	114	OS PFS

Lee 2016 (15)	CR	TMA 0.6mm	>1.43 TILs of >1+ staining intensity	PDCD1	Cell Marque (1:1)	N		Data only shown for MSI subgroup. Age, sex, tumour grade, colonic site, T-stage, N-stage, TNM, TIL score, CLR, CD274.	68 (389)	RFS
Lee 2017 (26)	CR	TMA 2mm	>5% immune cells	CD274	Cell Signalling (1:50)	N		Age, T-stage, N-stage, M-stage, tumour border, PI, LI, VI, tumour grade	339	OS
Lee 2018 (19) (Kyungpook)	C (MSIH)	Whole	Semiquantitative (mod-strong vs weak)	CD274 PDCD1	Abcam (1:100) Cell Marque (1:150)	Y		Age, CEA, tumour grade, TNM, LAG3, IDO1.	89	DFS OS
Lee 2018 (27) (Bundang)	CR	TMA 2mm	>5% immune cells	CD274	Dako (ready to use)	Y		TNM, LI, VI, PI, CD274 in tumour	336	DFS OS
Li 2016 (16)	CR	TMA 0.6mm	Immunoreactivity score >4	PDCD1	Abcam (1:100)	Y		Age, Sex, T-stage, N-stage, M-stage	276	DFS OS
Liu 2018 (29) (ZH)	CR	TMA unclear	Electronic counts +ve TILs (present or absent), essentially >1%	CD274	Abcam (dilutions not specified)	N		Age, colonic site, RAS, VI, PI, immunoscore	60	OS
Shao 2017 (33)	R	Whole	Manual, >10% cutoff	CD274	Spring Bioscience (1:100)	Y		Age, sex, T-stage, N-stage, TNM, VI, NI, tumour grade, XRT duration	68	DFS LRFS OS
Wei 2018 (21)	CRC	TMA 0.6mm	Manual, semiquantitative (>1%)	PDCD1	Spring Biosciences (dilutions not specified)	Y		Age, sex, colonic site, T-stage, N-stage, M-stage, tumour grade, NI, VI, CD4/CD8, MSI	383	DFS OS
Tumour cells										
Berntsson 2018 (11)	CR	TMA 1mm	>1% positive tumour cells	CD274	Cell Signalling (1:200)	Y	Membrane	Age, Sex, TNM, tumour grade, VI	557	OS
Calik 2019 (22)	CR	Whole	Manual counts tumour cells (cutoff >5%)	CD274	Master diagnostic (dilutions not specified)	N	Any	Intratumoural CD8, CD8 at IM, CD274 on TILs	157	DFS
Chen 2019 (36)	R	Biopsy and TMA 2mm	>5% positive tumour cells	CD274	Abcam (dilutions not specified)	Y	Membrane	Age, N-stage, Clinical response, TRG, CD8 TILs	112	DFS
D'Alterio 2016 (18)	CR	CRLM (whole)	Tumour CD274 (>5% cutoff)	CD274	Dr Lieping Chen's lab and Spring Bioscience	Y	Membrane	Age, sex, number of mets, KRAS, CXCR4, CXCR7, CD274 mRNA	33	PFS CSS
Droeser 2013 (12)	CR	TMA 0.6mm	Semiquantitative (strong vs low/absent)	CD274 CD274	MBL Abcam (dilutions not specified)	Y	Unclear	Age, sex, T-stage, N-stage, tumour grade, VI, pattern of invasion, MMR status	384 + 721	OS

Enkhbat 2018 (17)	CR	Whole	>50% tumour cells staining	CD274	Abcam (1:100)	Y	Cytoplasm	Age, sex, differentiation, T-stage, TNM (stage III), VI, LI, colonic site (left/right), tumour diameter, CD274 TILs	116	DFS OS
Eriksen 2019 (42)	C	Whole	>5% positive tumour cells	CD274	Ventana (dilutions not specified)	N	Membrane	Age, sex, T-stage, N-stage, M-stage, colonic site, tumour perf, LN yield, PI, VI	572	RFS OS
Hamada 2017 (43)	CR	TMA 0.6mm	Semiquantitative (low 0-1 vs high 2-4)	CD274	eBioscience (1:50)	Y	Cytoplasm+membrane	Age, sex, year of diagnosis, FH, BMI, aspirin/NSAIDs, colonic site, tumour grade, TNM, MSI, etc.	617	CSS OS
Hecht 2016 (23)	R	Biopsy and TMA 1.6mm	Semiquantitative and percentage max staining cells (median cutoff)	CD274	Cell Signalling (1:100)	Y	Unclear	Age, sex, T-stage, N-stage, M-stage, TNM, Grade	199	DFS OS
Ho et al 2019 (24)	CR	TMA (unclear)	Semiquantitative, weighted histoscore	CD274	Dako (dilutions not specified)	Y	Membrane	T-stage, TNM, tumour grade, colonic site, LVSI, MSI, stromal CD274 and intraepithelial TILs CD274	238	OS
Koganemura 2017 (25)	CR	Whole	>5% tumour cells	CD274	Spring Bioscience (dilutions not specified)	N	Any	Age, sex, colonic site, tumour grade, CD8, adjuvant therapy, CD274 on TILs	235	DFS
Ledys 2018 (31)	CR	Whole liver met	>5% tumour cells	CD274	Roche (pre-diluted)	N	Any	Age, sex, adjuvant therapy, KRAS, BRAF, colonic site, CD8, HLA	114	OS PFS
Lee 2016 (15)	CR	TMA 0.6mm	>1% of 2+ intensity	CD274	Cell Signalling (1:250)	N	Membrane	Data only shown for MSI subgroup. Age, sex, tumour grade, colonic site, T-stage, N-stage, TNM, TIL score, CLR, PDCD1.	68 (389)	RFS
Lee 2017 (26)	CR	TMA 2mm	>5% tumour cells	CD274	Cell Signalling (1:50)	N	Membrane	Age, T-stage, N-stage, M-stage, tumour border, PI, LI, VI, tumour grade	339	OS
Lee 2018 (19) (Kyungpook)	C (MSIH)	Whole	>5% tumour cells	CD274	Abcam (1:100)	Y	Membrane	Age, CEA, tumour grade, TNM, LAG3, IDO1.	89	DFS OS
Lee 2018 (27) (Bundang)	CR	TMA 2mm	>1% immune cells	CD274	Dako (ready to use)	Y	Membrane	TNM, LI, VI, PI, CD274 in tumour	336	DFS OS
Li 2016 (16)	CR	TMA 0.6mm	Immunoreactivity score >4	CD274	Abcam (1:50)	Y	Membrane	Age, Sex, T-stage, N-stage, M-stage	276	DFS OS
Rosenbaum 2016 (44)	R	TMA 2mm	Manual, >5% TPS	CD274	Cell Signalling (1:200)	Y	Membrane	Age, sex, T-stage, N-stage, CD8, BRAF, KRAS, Medullary, MSI	181	DSS OS
Saigusa 2016 (39)	R	Whole	Manual, semiquantitative (staining intensity 2 or 3)	CD274	Lifespan Biosciences (1:100)	Y	Any	Age, sex, T-stage, N-stage, LI, VI, tumour grade, TRG	100	RFS OS

Shao 2017 (33)	R	Whole	Manual, >1% cutoff	CD274	Spring Bioscience (1:100)	Y	Any	Age, sex, T-stage, N-stage, TNM, VI, NI, tumour grade, XRT duration	68	DFS LRFS OS
Shi 2013 (37)	CR	Whole	Manual, mod-strong vs weak-absent	CD274	Abcam (5mcg/ml)	Y	Any	Age, sex, TNM, colonic site, tumour grade	143	OS
Wu 2019 (40)	CR	Whole	Manual, >1% cutoff	CD274	Abcam (1:50)	Y	Membrane	Age, sex, colonic site, tumour grade, tumour size, T-stage, N-stage, M-stage, TNM, A2aR	204	OS
Zhu 2015 (41)	CR	Whole	Manual, percentage stained x staining intensity	CD274	Abcam (1:100)	Y	Cytoplasm	Age, Sex, tumour size, colonic site, tumour grade, T-stage, N-stage, M-stage, VI	120	OS
Combined scores										
Bae 2018 (45)	CR	TMA 3mm	Manual, >50% positive cells	CD274	AnaSpec (1:400)	N	Unclear	T-stage, N-stage, LI, tumour grade, perinodal extension	175	DFS OS
Hecht 2016 (23)	R	Biopsy and TMA 1.6mm	Semiquantitative (low-low for tumour and TILs vs rest)	CD274	Cell Signalling (1:100)	Y	Unclear	Age, sex, T-stage, N-stage, M-stage, TNM, Grade	199	DFS OS
Miller 2017 (46)	C	TMA 1mm	Percentage area of tumour or immune cells (median)	CD274	Cell Signalling (1:100)	Y	Any	T-stage, colonic site, tumour grade, mucin, TILs, BRAF, MSI, other markers	118	OS CSS
Wei 2018 (21)	CR	TMA 0.6mm	Manual, semiquantitative (>1% on TILs and/or >5% on tumour)	CD274	Spring Biosciences (dilutions not specified)	Y	Membrane	Age, sex, colonic site, T-stage, N-stage, M-stage, tumour grade, NI, VI, CD4/CD8, MSI	383	DFS OS

Supplementary Table S2. Assessment of bias of studies included in meta-analysis^a

Li 2016 (16)	FUSCC, China	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	Low
Liu 2018 (29)	ZH, China	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	Low
Miller 2017 (46)	SJoGSH, W. Australia	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	8	Low
Rosenbaum 2016 (44)	MGH, USA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	8	Low
Saigusa 2016 (39)	MUH, Japan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	Low
Shao 2017 (33)	FPCH, China	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	Low
Shi 2013 (37)	FAH, China	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	Low
Wei 2018 (21)	SYSUCC, China	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	8	Low
Wu 2019 (40)	AHXMU, China	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	Low
Zhu 2015 (41)	TH, China	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	Low

^aAssessment of bias table score developed from REMARK guidelines²³, total out of 9: scores of 0-3 were considered high risk for bias; scores of 4 or 5, moderate; and scores of 6 and above, low risk.

^b18 MSIH patients crossover, results given for different antibody

Supplementary Table S3. Summary of current trials including PD-1 inhibitors and concomitant therapy in colorectal cancer, or solid tumours including colorectal cancers.

Trial status	Trial ID
Anti-PD-1 alone +- NSAID	
Completed	NCT01876511, NCT00729664, NCT00441337, NCT01772004
Active, no longer recruiting	NCT02460198, NCT02227667, NCT01693562, NCT02908906, NCT02054806.
Recruiting	NCT03638297, NCT04118933, NCT03926338, NCT04157985, NCT03755739, NCT03212404, NCT02628067, NCT03150706, NCT03981146, NCT03867799, NCT03435107, NCT03436563
Not yet recruiting	NCT04051450
Anti-PD-1 + standard chemotherapy	
Completed	
Active, no longer recruiting	NCT03904537, NCT02563002, NCT02860546, NCT03174405, NCT02375672, NCT01633970, NCT03414983, NCT02848443, NCT03563157, NCT02870920, NCT02873195, NCT03050814
Recruiting	NCT03374254, NCT03202758, NCT03186326, NCT02842125, NCT03854799, NCT03608046, NCT02997228, NCT03698461, NCT03299660, NCT03827044, NCT04231552, NCT02948348, NCT03921684, NCT03626922, NCT03984578, NCT03844750, NCT03396926, NCT04008030, NCT03388190, NCT03803553, NCT04068610, NCT03376659, NCT03721653,
Not yet recruiting	NCT04194359, NCT04262687, NCT03985891, NCT04072198,
Anti-PD-1 + VEGF/EGF inhibitor	
Completed	NCT02788279, NCT03081494
Active, no longer recruiting	NCT03797326, NCT03174405, NCT02713373, NCT03271047, NCT02873195
Recruiting	NCT04110093, NCT03946917, NCT03647839, NCT03374254, NCT03977090, NCT03912857, NCT03186326, NCT03239145, NCT04171141, NCT03829436, NCT03851614, NCT03608046, NCT03170960, NCT03698461, NCT03657641, NCT03475004, NCT02298959, NCT04126733, NCT03712943, NCT04030260, NCT03373188, NCT02484404, NCT03376659, NCT03475953, NCT02982694, NCT03555149
Not yet recruiting	NCT04262687

Anti-PD-1 + immune stimulant (e.g. vaccine)	
Completed	NCT02981524, NCT02713529, NCT03241173
Active, no longer recruiting	NCT03531632, NCT02757391, NCT02432963, NCT02600949, NCT03473925, NCT02009449, NCT03152565
Recruiting	NCT03206073, NCT04046445, NCT02842125, NCT02636036, NCT03228667, NCT04060342, NCT03775850, NCT03639714, NCT04171141, NCT03953235, NCT03948763, NCT03970382, NCT03761914, NCT02983045, NCT02834052, NCT03724851, NCT01174121, NCT03311334, NCT03329950, NCT03841110, NCT03547999, NCT04208958, NCT03435640, NCT02963831, NCT03376659, NCT03256344, NCT03866239, NCT03289962
Not yet recruiting	NCT03287427, NCT04166383, NCT04195373, NCT04117087
Anti-PD-1 + other checkpoint inhibitor	
Completed	NCT03361228, NCT03241173, NCT02586987, NCT03007407, NCT03005002
Active, no longer recruiting	NCT03274804, NCT02335918, NCT02959437, NCT03168139, NCT03350126, NCT02060188, NCT02178722, NCT03271047, NCT02327078, NCT02888743, NCT01975831, NCT03122509, NCT02870920, NCT03982173
Recruiting	NCT03250832, NCT03642067, NCT03202758, NCT03206073, NCT04157985, NCT03629756, NCT03639714, NCT03507699, NCT02903914, NCT03454451, NCT03953235, NCT02817633, NCT02947165, NCT03517488, NCT02983045, NCT03549000, NCT03126110, NCT03207867, NCT02554812, NCT03799003, NCT04008030, NCT03104439, NCT03184870, NCT03693846, NCT03101475, NCT02740985, NCT02754856, NCT03026140
Not yet recruiting	NCT04258111, NCT04140526, NCT04117087, NCT04145193
Anti-PD-1 + radiotherapy/physical tumour destruction	
Completed	NCT02298946
Active, no longer recruiting	NCT03259867, NCT02437071, NCT02888743, NCT03122509
Recruiting	NCT04001101, NCT03854799, NCT02837263, NCT02992912, NCT03507699, NCT03299660, NCT03058289, NCT04231552, NCT02948348, NCT03921684, NCT03101475, NCT03927898
Not yet recruiting	NCT04108481

Anti-PD-1 + small molecule/kinase inhibitors	
Completed	NCT02777710, NCT01988896, NCT02788279, NCT02586987, NCT03258398, NCT02876224
Active, no longer recruiting	NCT03332498, NCT03631407, NCT02646748, NCT02851004, NCT03377361
Recruiting	NCT03711058, NCT04000529, NCT03829436, NCT03170960, NCT02972034, NCT03791398, NCT04017650, NCT03735628, NCT03428126, NCT03539822, NCT02983578
Not yet recruiting	NCT03601598, NCT04044430, NCT04294160
Anti-PD-1 + cell cycle/DNA metabolism blockade	
Completed	NCT02260440
Active, no longer recruiting	NCT03993626, NCT02437136, NCT02512172, NCT02811497
Recruiting	NCT02890069, NCT03891953, NCT03667716, NCT03454451, NCT03519412, NCT04122625, NCT04256707, NCT03832621, NCT03190174, NCT02484404
Not yet recruiting	NCT03576963
Anti-PD-1 + other	
Completed	
Active, no longer recruiting	
Recruiting	NCT03785210, NCT04014530, NCT03851614, NCT03872947, NCT03658772, NCT03095781, NCT03800602
Not yet recruiting	NCT04119830

Supplementary table S4. Rectal cancer survival and PDCD1/CD274 expression

PDCD1/CD274 immune cell expression in rectal cancer																
Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur-ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi cant	UV or MV	Effec t	MMR	Media n follow up	
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choice of core												
Disease-free survival (DFS/RFS/PFS)																
Hecht et al 2016	Biopsy				CD274: E1L3N, Cell Signalling	I – IV	Manual	Semiquan titative	IE+ST	35 vs 68	Y	UV	+ve	NA	Uncl., 5-years display	
	TMA	4	1.6 _{mm}	2xCT, 2xIM					IE+ST	78 vs 81	NS					
									IM	63 vs 62	Y	MV	+ve			
Shao et al 2017	Whole				CD274: Spring Bioscience (1:100)	II – III	Manual	Semiquan titative (>10%)	Unclear	17 vs 51	NS			NA	32.5 months	
Huang et al 2018	Pre-nCRT biopsy				PDCD1: ab137132, Abcam	II – III	Manual	Present vs absent	IE	29 vs 60	Y	UV ^a	+ve	NA	3 years	
Ogura et al 2018	Biopsy				CD274: ab205921, Abcam	II-III (pre/post nCRT)	Manual	Semiquan titative	IE	88 vs 187	NS			NA	57 months	
	Whole								ST	89 vs 192	NS					
									ST	139 vs 148	NS					
Overall survival																
Hecht et al 2016	Biopsy				CD274: E1L3N, Cell Signalling	I – IV	Manual	Semiquan titative	IE+ST	35 vs 68	NS			NA	Uncl., 5-years display	
	TMA	4	1.6 _{mm}	2xCT, 2xIM					IE+ST	78 vs 81	NS					
									IM	63 vs 62	NS					
Shao et al 2017	Whole				CD274: Spring Bioscience (1:100)	II – III	Manual	Semiquan titative (>10%)	Unclear	17 vs 51	NS			NA	32.5 months	
Ogura et al 2018	Biopsy				CD274: ab205921, Abcam	II – III (pre/post nCRT)	Manual	Semiquan titative	IE	88 vs 187	NS			NA	57 months	
	Whole								ST	89 vs 192	NS					
									ST	139 vs 148	NS					
Zhang et al 2019	Biopsy				CD274: GeneTech Biotechn.	II – III	Manual	>5% positive TILs	IE+ST	45 vs 64	NS			NA	42 months	
	TMA	Uncl.	1.8 _{mm}	Represe						33 vs 76	NS					

				ntative												
PDCD1/CD274 tumour tissue expression in rectal cancer																
Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur-ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi cant	UV or MV	Effec t	MMR	Median follow up	
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choice of core												
Disease-free survival (DFS/RFS/PFS)																
Saigusa et al 2016	Whole				CD274: CD274, 27A2, LifeSpan BioSciences	I – IV	Manual	Semiquan titative	Any	36 vs 54	Y	MV	-ve	NA	46 months	
Hecht et al 2016	Biopsy				CD274: E1L3N, Cell Signalling	I – IV	Manual	Semiquan titative	Membrane	9 vs 93	NS			NA	Uncl., 5- years display	
	TMA	4	1.6 _{mm}	2xCT, 2xIM					Membrane (CT)	23 vs 107	NS					
									Menbrane (IM)	15 vs 59	NS					
Shao et al 2017	Whole				CD274: Spring Bioscience	II – III	Manual	Semiquan titative (>1%)	Any	7 vs 61	NS			NA	32.5 months	
Chen et al 2019	Biopsy				CD274: ab205921, Abcam	I – III (pre/post nCRT)	Manual	Semiquan titative	Membrane	56 vs 56	Y	MV	+ve	NA	Uncl., 5- years quoted	
	TMA	Uncl.	2 _{mm}	Repres-entative						61 vs 36	Y	MV	+ve			
Overall survival																
Saigusa et al 2016	Whole				CD274: CD274, 27A2, LifeSpan BioSciences	I – IV	Manual	Semiquan titative	Any	36 vs 54	Y	MV	-ve	NA	46 months	
Hecht et al 2016	Biopsy				CD274: E1L3N, Cell Signalling	I – IV	Manual	Semiquan titative	Unclear	9 vs 93	NS			NA	Uncl., 5- years display	
	TMA	4	1.6 _{mm}	2xCT, 2xIM					Unclear	23 vs 107	NS					
									Unclear	15 vs 59	NS					

Shao et al 2017	Whole				CD274: Spring Bioscience	II – III	Manual	Semiquan titative (>1%)	Any	7 vs 61	NS			NA	32.5 months
Chen et al 2019	Biopsy				CD274: ab205921, Abcam	I – III (pre/post nCRT)	Manual	Semiquan titative	Membrane	56 vs 56	Y	UV ^b	+ve	NA	Uncl., 5- years quoted
	TMA	Uncl.	2 _{mm}	Repres- entative						61 vs 36	Y	UV ^b	+ve		
Disease-specific survival (DSS/CSS)															
Rosenbaum et al 2016	TMA	2-3	2 _{mm}	Repres- entative	CD274: E1L3N Cell Signaling Technology	I – IV (post nCRT, MSI- enriched)	Manual	Arbitrary	Membrane	16 vs 162	NS			54 of 178	Uncl., 3- years quoted
PD_CD1/CD274 combined tumour tissue and immune cell expression in rectal cancer															
Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur- ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi- cant	UV or MV	Effec- t	MMR	Median follow up
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choice of core											
Disease-free survival (DFS/RFS/PFS)															
Hecht et al 2016	Biopsy				CD274: E1L3N, Cell Signalling	I – IV	Manual	Semiquan tit-ative (Low tumour/T ILs vs rest)	Biopsy (uncl. Memb or cyto)	9 vs 93	NS		+ve	NA	Uncl., 5- years display
	TMA	4	1.6 _{mm}	2xCT, 2xIM					IT (uncl. Memb or cyto)	23 vs 107	NS				
									IM (uncl. Memb or cyto)	15 vs 59	Y	MV			
Overall survival															
Hecht et al 2016	Biopsy				CD274: E1L3N, Cell Signalling	I – IV	Manual	Semiquan tit-ative (Low tumour/T ILs vs rest)	Biopsy (uncl. Memb or cyto)	9 vs 93	NS		+ve	NA	Uncl., 5- years display
	TMA	4	1.6 _{mm}	2xCT, 2xIM					IT (uncl. Memb or cyto)	23 vs 107	NS				
									IM (uncl. Memb or cyto)	15 vs 59	Y	MV			

^anot independent of HMGB1/Nstage

^bNo MV given

Supplementary table S5. Colon cancer survival and PDCD1/CD274 expression

PDCD1/CD274 immune cell expression in colon cancer																
Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur-ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi cant	UV or MV	Effect	MMR	Median follow up	
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choic e of core												
Disease-free survival (DFS/RFS/PFS)																
Lee et al 2018	Whole				CD274: CD274, Abcam PDCD1: PDCD1, Cell Marque	I – III (MSIH)	Manual	Semiquan titative	Uncl.	56 vs 33	Y	MV	+ve	89 of 89	39 months	
										39 vs 50	NS					
Wyss et al 2019 [†]	TMA	6	Uncl.	CT + IM	CD274: SP142, Spring Bioscience	I – IV	Manual	Semiquan titative	ST	61 vs 39 vs 27 vs 102	NS				26 of 270	Uncl., 10-months display
Wyss et al 2019 [†]	TMA	6	Uncl.	CT + IM	PDCD1: NAT105, Cell Marque	I – IV	Manual	Semiquan titative	ST	45 vs 54	Y	UV ^a	+ve	26 of 270	Uncl., 10-months display	
Overall survival																
Wyss et al 2019	TMA	6	Uncl.	CT + IM	CD274: SP142, Spring Bioscience	I – IV	Manual	Semiquan titative	ST	61 vs 39 vs 27 vs 102	Y	UV ^a	+ve	26 of 270	Uncl., 10-months display	
PDCD1/CD274 tumour tissue expression in colon cancer																
Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur-ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi cant	UV or MV	Effect	MMR	Median follow up	
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choice of core												
Disease-free survival (DFS/RFS/PFS)																
Lee et al 2018	Whole				CD274: CD274, Abcam	I – III (MSIH)	Manual	Semiquan titative	Membrane	89 overall (2 groups)	NS				89 of 89	39 months

Wyss et al 2019	TMA	6	Uncl.	CT + IM	CD274: SP142, Spring Bioscience	I – IV	Manual	Semiquantitative	Membrane	270 overall (2 groups)	NS			26 of 270	Uncl., 10-months display
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Eriksen et al 2019	Whole				CD274: Ventana	II	Manual	Semiquantitative	Membrane	35 vs 537	NS			172 of 572	6.9 years
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PD_CD1/CD274 combined tumour tissue and immune cell expression in colon cancer

Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur-ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi cant	UV or MV	Effect	MMR	Median follow up
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choice of core											

Overall survival

Miller et al 2017	TMA	3	1.0 _{mm}	2xCT 1xIM	CD274: E1L3N; Cell Signaling (1:100)	III	Manual	Median	IE+ST	60 vs 40	NS			18 of 104	82.5 months
									IM	27 vs 29	NS				

Disease-specific survival (DSS/CSS)

Miller et al 2017	TMA	3	1.0 _{mm}	2xCT 1xIM	CD274: E1L3N; Cell Signaling (1:100)	III	Manual	Median	IE+ST	60 vs 40	NS			18 of 104	82.5 months
									IM	27 vs 29	NS				

^ano MV given ^bSame study, different antibody/marker

Supplementary table S6. Colorectal cancer disease-free survival/recurrence-free survival and PDCD1/CD274 expression

PDCD1/CD274 immune cell expression and disease-/recurrence-free survival in colorectal cancer															
Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur-ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi cant	UV or MV	Effect	MMR	Median follow up
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choice of core											
Lee et al 2016	TMA	3	0.6mm	Random	PDCD1: NAT105, Cell Marque	I – IV (all)	Manual	ROC curve	IE+ST	76 vs 316	Y	UV ^a	+ve	68 of 389	55 months
						I – IV (MSIH)				34 vs 34	Y	MV	+ve		
Li et al 2016 (FUSCC)	TMA	Uncl.	0.6mm	Random	PDCD1: ab137132, Abcam	I – IV	Manual	Arbitrary	IE+ST	106 vs 170	Y	MV	+ve	100 of 276	61 months
Kim et al 2016	TMA	3	2mm	Representative	CD274: E1L3N; Cell Signaling	I – IV (MSIH)	Manual	Arbitrary	IE+ST	62 vs 146	NS			208 of 208	Uncl., 10-years display
Koganemaru et al 2017	Whole				CD274: Spring Bioscience	III	Manual	Arbitrary (>5%)	Unclear	36 vs 199	Y	UV ^b	+ve	NA	52.9 months
Enkhabat et al 2018	Whole				PDCD1: AF1086, R&D Systems	II – III	Manual	Arbitrary	ST	39 vs 77	NS		-ve	NA	52 months
Wei et al 2018	TMA	Uncl.	0.6mm	Representative	PDCD1: SP269, spring bioscience	I – IV	Manual	Semiquantitative	ST	50 vs 304	NS			97 of 354	72 months
Shibutani et al 2018	Whole				PDCD1: NAT105, Abcam	II – III	Manual, in TILs in 5HPFs	ROC curve	IM	58 vs 32	NS			NA	Uncl., 5-years display
Wang et al 2018	TMA	2	1mm	Uncl.	CD274: SP142, Spring Bioscience	II – III	Manual	Uncl.	IE+ST	46 vs 208	Y	UV ^c	-ve	NA	42 months
Kollman et al 2018	Met (pulmonary)				PDCD1: AF 1086, R&D systems	IV	Manual	Semiquantitative	IE+ST	16 vs 36	NS				30 months

					CD274: E1L3N; Cell Signaling					41 vs 10	NS				
Yomoda et al 2018	Whole				CD274: E1L3N; Cell Signaling	II – III	Manual	ROC curve	IE+ST+ IM	12 vs 70	NS			NA	Uncl., 5-years display
Calik et al 2018	Whole				CD274: Master Dagnostica	I-IV	Manual	Semiquantitative (>5%)	IE+ST	85 vs 72	Y	MV	+ve	NA	52.7 months
Ledys et al 2018	Met (liver)				CD274: Roche (pre-diluted)	IV	Manual	Semiquantitative (>5%)	Uncl.	34 vs 80	NS			NA	2.9 years
Lee et al 2018	TMA	2	2 _{mm}	1x CT 1x IM	CD274: Dako (ready to use)	I – IV	Manual	Semiquantitative (>5%)	IE+ST	154 vs 179	Y	MV	+ve	18 of 336	52 months

PDCD1/CD274 tumour tissue expression and disease-/recurrence-free survival in colorectal cancer

Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur-ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi cant	UV or MV	Effect	MMR	Median follow up
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choice of core											
Lee et al 2016	TMA	3	0.6 _{mm}	Random	CD274: E1L3N, Cell Signaling Technology	I – IV (all)	Manual	ROC curve	Cytoplasm	19 vs 375	NS			68 of 389	55 months
						I – IV (MSIH)				12 vs 55	Y	MV	-ve		
Li et al 2016 (FUSCC)	TMA	Uncl.	0.6 _{mm}	Random	CD274: ab174838, Abcam	I – IV	Manual	Arbitrary	Uncl.	138 vs 138	Y	UV ^d	+ve	100 of 276	61 months
Kim et al 2016	TMA	3	2 _{mm}	Repre-sentati-ve	CD274: E1L3N; Cell Signaling	I – IV (MSIH)	Manual	Arbitrary	Membrano-us-to-cytoplasmic	26 vs 182	NS			208 of 208	Uncl., 10-years display
Koganemaru et al 2017	Whole				CD274: Spring Bioscience	III	Manual	Arbitrary (>5%)	Any	19 vs 216	Y	MV	-ve	NA	52.9 months
Enkhbat et al 2018	Whole				CD274: ab174838, Abcam	II – III	Manual	Arbitrary	Cytoplasm	52 vs 64	Y	UV ^e	-ve	NA	52 months

Kollman et al 2018	Met (pulmonary)				PDCD1: AF 1086, R&D systems	IV	Manual	Semi quantitative	Uncl.	35 vs 17	NS			NA	30 months
					CD274: E1L3N; Cell Signaling					36 vs 15	NS				
Calik et al 2018	Whole				CD274: Master Dagnostica	I-IV	Manual	Semi quantitative (>5%)	Any	72 vs 85	Y	MV	-ve	NA	52.7 months
Ledys et al 2018	Met (liver)				CD274: Roche (pre-diluted)	IV	Manual	Semi quantitative (>5%)	Uncl.	5 vs 109	NS			NA	2.9 years
Lee et al 2018	TMA	2	2mm	1x CT 1x IM	CD274: Dako (ready to use)	I – IV	Manual	Semi quantitative (>1%)	Membrane	15 vs 321	Y	MV	-ve	18 of 336	52 months

PDCD1/CD274 combined tumour tissue and immune cell expression and disease-/recurrence-free survival in colorectal cancer

Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur-ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi cant	UV or MV	Effect	MMR	Median follow up
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choice of core											
Wei et al 2018	TMA	Uncl.	0.6mm	Repres - entative	CD274: SP142, spring bioscience)	I – IV	Manual	Semi quantitative	ST	162 vs 191	Y	MV	+ve	97 of 354	72 months
Bae et al 2018	TMA	1	3mm	Repres - entative	CD274: AnaSpec	I – IV	Manual	50% staining	Uncl	93 vs 82	Y	MV	+ve	NA	88 months

^aNo MV given apart from MMRd subgroup; MMRp tumours alone not significant on UV ^bnot independent of tumour CD274/tumour grade/IE CD8 ^cnot independent of TNM, p53, Ki67 ^dnot independent of age/gender/T-stage/N-stage/M-stage ^enot independent of stage III disease/lymphatic invasion

Supplementary table S7. Colorectal cancer overall survival and PDCD1/CD274 expression

PDCD1/CD274 immune cell expression and overall survival in colorectal cancer															
Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur-ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi cant	UV or MV	Eff ect	MMR	Median follow up
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choice of core											
Droeser et al 2013	TMA	Uncl.	0.6mm	Representative	CD274: 27A2, MBL (monoclonal) and ab82059, Abcam (polyclonal)	I – IV (MMR proficient)	Manual	Uncl.	ST	11 vs 413	Y	UV ^a	+ve	0 of 424	Uncl., >10-years display
Li et al 2016 (FUSCC)	TMA	Uncl.	0.6mm	Random	PDCD1: ab137132, Abcam	I – IV	Manual	Arbitrarily	IE+ST	106 vs 170	Y	MV	+ve	100 of 276	61 months
Li et al 2016 (TCGA)	TMA	Uncl.	0.6mm	Random	PDCD1: ab137132, Abcam	I – IV	Manual	Arbitrarily	IE+ST	191 vs 165	Y	UV ^b	+ve	113 of 356	13.4 months
Lee et al 2017	TMA	2	2mm	1x CT 1x IM	CD274: Cell Signalling Tech	I – IV (MSIH)	Manual	Semiquantitative	IT+ST	107 vs 79	Y	MV	+ve	186 of 186	Uncl., 8-years display
										102 vs 84	Y	MV	+ve		
Lee et al 2017 [†]	TMA	2	2mm	1x CT 1x IM	CD274: Cell Signalling Tech	I – IV	Manual	Semiquantitative	IE+ST	47 vs 106	Y	MV	+ve	0 of 153	Uncl., 8-years display
										56 vs 97	Y	MV	+ve		
Enkhat et al 2018	Whole				PDCD1: AF1086, R&D Systems	II – III	Manual	Arbitrarily	ST	39 vs 77	Y	UV ^c	-ve	NA	52 months
Wei et al 2018	TMA	Uncl.	0.6mm	Representative	PDCD1: SP269, spring bioscience	I – IV	Manual	Semiquantitative	ST	50 vs 304	NS			97 of 354	72 months
Shibutani et al 2018	Whole				PDCD1: NAT105, Abcam	II – III	Manual	ROC curve	IM	39 vs 51	NS			NA	Uncl., 5-years display
Yomoda et al 2018	Whole				CD274: E1L3N; Cell Signaling	II – III	Manual	ROC curve	IE+ST+IM	12 vs 70	NS			NA	Uncl., 5-years display
Liu et al 2018	Whole				CD274: ab205921, Abcam	IV	Electron ic (Aperio)	Present or absent	IE+ST	26 vs 34	Y	MV	-ve	NA	Uncl., 30-months display

Kollman et al 2018	Met (pulmonary)				PDCD1: AF 1086, R&D systems	IV	Manual	Semi quantitative	IE+ST	16 vs 36	Y	UV ^d	-ve	NA	30 months
					CD274: E1L3N; Cell Signaling					41 vs 10	NS				
Berntsson et al 2018	TMA	Uncl.	1mm	Representative	PDCD1: Abcam	I-IV	Manual	Semi quantitative	IE+ST	298 vs 228	Y	UV ^e	+ve	74 of 575	10 years
					CD274: Cell Signalling					297 vs 239	Y	MV	+ve		
Ledys et al 2018	Met (liver)				CD274: Roche (pre-diluted)	IV	Manual	Semi quantitative (>5%)	Uncl.	34 vs 80	NS			NA	2.9 years
Lee et al 2018 ^t	TMA	2	2mm	1x CT 1x IM	CD274: Dako (ready to use)	I – IV	Manual	Semi quantitative (>5%)	IE+ST	154 vs 179	Y	MV	+ve	18 of 336	52 months
Ho et al 2019	TMA	Uncl.	Uncl.	Uncl.	CD274: Dako	I-IV	Manual	Present or absent	IE	45 vs 193	Y	UV ^f	+ve	18 of 238	Uncl., 10-years display
								Semi quantitative	Stroma	64 vs 274	Y	MV	+ve		

PDCD1/CD274 tumour tissue expression and overall survival in colorectal cancer

Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur-ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi cant	UV or MV	Eff ect	MMR	Median follow up
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choice of core											
Droeser et al 2013 (training)	TMA	Uncl.	0.6mm	Representative	CD274: 27A2, MBL (mono-clonal) and ab82059, Abcam (polyclonal)	I – IV (MMR proficient)	Manual	Semi quantitative	Cytoplasm	156 vs 228	Y	UV ^g	+ve	0 of 424	Uncl., >10-years display
Droeser et al 2013 (validation)	TMA	Uncl.	0.6mm	Representative	CD274: 27A2, MBL (mono-clonal) and ab82059, Abcam (polyclonal)	I – IV (MMR proficient)	Manual	Semi quantitative	Cytoplasm	261 vs 460	Y	UV ^g	+ve	0 of 721	Uncl., >10-years display
Shi et al 2013	Whole				CD274: Abcam (5mcg/ml)	I – IV	Manual	Semi quantitative	Any	64 vs 79	Y	MV	+ve	NA	43 months
Zhu et al	Whole				CD274: Abcam	I – IV	Manual	Arbitrar	Cytoplasm	30 vs 90	Y	UV ^h	-ve	NA	39

2015					(1:100)			y							months
Li et al 2016 (FUSCC)	TMA	Uncl.	0.6mm	Random	CD274: ab174838, Abcam	I – IV	Manual	Arbitrarily	Uncl.	138 vs 138	Y	UV ⁱ	+ve	100 of 276	61 months
Li et al 2016 (TCGA)	TMA	Uncl.	0.6mm	Random	CD274: ab174838, Abcam	I – IV	Manual	Arbitrarily	Uncl.	301 vs 55	Y	UV ^k	+ve	113 of 356	13.4 months
Hamada et al 2017	TMA	2-4	0.6mm	Uncl.	CD274: CD274, eBioscience	I – IV	Manual	Semiquantitative	Cytoplasm+membrane	384 vs 233	NS			108 of 601	11.5 years
Lee et al 2017 ⁺	TMA	2	2mm	1x CT 1x IM	CD274: Cell Signalling Tech	I – IV (MSIH)	Manual	Semiquantitative	Membrane	43 vs 143	NS			186 of 186	Uncl., 8-years display
										47 vs 141	NS				
Enkhabat et al 2018	Whole				CD274: ab174838, Abcam	II – III	Manual	Arbitrarily	Cytoplasm	52 vs 64	Y	MV	-ve	NA	52 months
Kollman et al 2018	Met (pulmonary)				PDCD1: AF 1086, R&D systems	IV	Manual	Semiquantitative	Uncl.	35 vs 17	NS			NA	30 months
					CD274: E1L3N; Cell Signaling					36 vs 15	NS				
Berntsson et al 2018	TMA	Uncl.	1mm	Representative	PDCD1: Abcam	I-IV	Manual	Semiquantitative	Membrane	298 vs 228	NS			74 of 575	10 years
Ledys et al 2018	Met (liver)				CD274: Roche (pre-diluted)	IV	Manual	Semiquantitative (>5%)	Uncl.	5 vs 109	NS			NA	2.9 years
Lee et al 2018 ⁺	TMA	2	2mm	1x CT 1x IM	CD274: Dako (ready to use)	I – IV	Manual	Semiquantitative (>1%)	IE+ST	15 vs 321	Y	MV	-ve	18 of 336	52 months
Ho et al 2019	TMA	Uncl.	Uncl.	Uncl.	CD274: Dako (dilutions not specified)	I – IV	Manual	Weighted histoscore (cutoff 10)	Membrane	13 vs 225	NS			18 of 238	Uncl., 10 years display
Wu et al 2019	Whole				CD274: Dako (1:50)	I – IV	Manual	>1% positive	Membrane	84 vs 120	Y	MV		NA	22 months
Chen et al 2020	Whole				CD274: Abcam	I – III	Manual	Immuno reactivity score >3	Any	94 vs 31	Y	UV ^l	-ve	NA	Uncl., 5 years display

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PDCD1/CD274 combined tumour tissue and immune cell expression and overall survival in colorectal cancer

Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur-ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi cant	UV or MV	Eff ect	MMR	Median follow up
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choice of core											
Wei et al 2018	TMA	Uncl.	0.6mm	Repres-entative	CD274: SP142, spring bioscience)	I – IV	Manual	Semiqua ntitative	ST	162 vs 191	Y	UV ^m	+ve	97 of 354	72 months
Bae et al 2018	TMA	1	3mm	Repres-entative	CD274: AnaSpec	I – IV	Manual	50% staining	Uncl	93 vs 82	Y	UV ⁿ	+ve	NA	88 months

^a18 MSIH patients crossover, different antibody ^bno MV given ^cnot independent of T-stage/CEA ^dnot independent of CD274 on tumour cells ^eno MV performed. Worse prognosis for high PDCD1 TILs in pulmonary metastasis ^fnot independent of age/sex/T-stage/N-stage/M-stage/tumour grade/VI ^gnot independent of CD274 in stroma/tumour cells ^hnot independent of age/stage/gender/MMR/VI ⁱnot independent of M-stage ^jnot independent of age/gender/T-stage/N-stage/M-stage ^knot independent of T-stage/CEA ^lno MV given ^mnot independent of tumour diff/T-stage/N-stage/M-stage/gender ⁿnot independent of T-stage/perinodal extension

Supplementary table S8. Colorectal cancer-specific survival and PDCD1/CD274 expression

PDCD1/CD274 tumour tissue expression and cancer-specific survival in colorectal cancer															
Study	TMA or Whole section	If TMA ...			Antibodies used	Cohort assessed (stage)	Measur-ement	Cutoff	Tumour region	Groups (overall or high to low)	Signifi cant	UV or MV	Effec t	MMR	Median follow up
		How many cores?	Size of cores	Choice of core											
Hamada et al 2017	TMA	2-4	0.6mm	Uncl.	CD274: CD274, eBioscience	I – IV	Manual	Semiquan titative	Cytoplasm+ membrane	384 vs 233	NS			108 of 601	11.5 years