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## Supplementary Table 1. Scoring system for semiquantitative assessment of the investigated parameters

Parameter -	Score			
	0	1	2	3
Desmoplastic stroma reaction	None	Low	Moderate	Stroma area >50% of the tumor area
Inflammatory reaction	None	Few inflammatory cells	Moderate	Distinct inflammatory reaction
Predominant mode of invasion	NA	Pushing borders	Solid cords	Detached islands/dissemination
Stromal ASMA	No staining	Focal positivity	Partial positivity and/or positivity of the invasive borders	Stroma more or less complete positive
Vascular ASMA	No staining	Few positive vessels	Partial positivity of vessels	Vessels more or less all positive
E-cadherin (cytoplasmic/ membranous)	No staining	Few areas and/ or low staining intensity	Partial positivity <30% of tumor area, moderate staining intensity	Positivity >30% of tumor area
N-cadherin	No staining	-	-	Staining detectable
Laminin gamma 2 chain (stromal/cytoplasmic)	No staining	Focal positivity	Partial positivity and/or positivity of the invasive borders	Tumor cells more or less all positive
CD163	No staining	Few positive cells	Many positive cells	NA

ASMA, alpha smooth muscle actin; NA, not applied.