

Additional files

Table S7: Stability results for clustering performed using RT-qPCR data.

a. Mean proportions of patients in the different clusters according to the four different centres.

| | | Hierarchical Clustering with | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--|------------------------------|------|------|------------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2 clusters | | | 3 clusters | | | 4 clusters | | | | 5 clusters | | | | | 6 clusters | | | | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Centre 1 | | 0.42 | 0.58 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.28 | 0.26 | 0.29 | 0.25 | 0.20 | 0.25 | 0.23 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.10 | 0.25 | 0.20 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.14 | 0.03 |
| Centre 2 | | 0.33 | 0.67 | 0.26 | 0.47 | 0.27 | 0.15 | 0.41 | 0.23 | 0.21 | 0.14 | 0.34 | 0.21 | 0.20 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.29 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.16 | 0.04 |
| Centre 3 | | 0.44 | 0.56 | 0.37 | 0.46 | 0.17 | 0.20 | 0.43 | 0.13 | 0.24 | 0.18 | 0.37 | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.33 | 0.14 | 0.12 | 0.19 | 0.05 |
| Centre 4 | | 0.35 | 0.65 | 0.31 | 0.58 | 0.11 | 0.26 | 0.53 | 0.11 | 0.10 | 0.24 | 0.29 | 0.15 | 0.11 | 0.21 | 0.24 | 0.16 | 0.12 | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.31 |

There were no outstanding differences between the proportions of patients from centre 4, within the different clusters

b. Mean ratio between numbers of patients in the different clusters and the size of each cluster.

| | | Hierarchical Clustering with | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--|------------------------------|------|------|------------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 2 clusters | | | 3 clusters | | | 4 clusters | | | | 5 clusters | | | | | 6 clusters | | | | |
| | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Centre 1 | | 0.53 | 0.46 | 0.54 | 0.40 | 0.57 | 0.57 | 0.38 | 0.57 | 0.49 | 0.57 | 0.40 | 0.54 | 0.52 | 0.31 | 0.58 | 0.42 | 0.52 | 0.54 | 0.48 | 0.15 |
| Centre 2 | | 0.23 | 0.30 | 0.21 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.18 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.18 | 0.33 | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.19 | 0.18 | 0.35 | 0.30 | 0.31 | 0.30 | 0.08 |
| Centre 3 | | 0.10 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.07 | 0.13 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.04 |
| Centre 4 | | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.07 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.18 | 0.15 | 0.12 | 0.09 | 0.42 | 0.17 | 0.10 | 0.11 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.73 |

The number of centre 4 patients as compared to the total number of patients was quite homogeneous in each cluster.