

Supplementary materials

Association of *HLA-G* 3'UTR polymorphisms with response to first-line FOLFIRI treatment in metastatic colorectal cancer.

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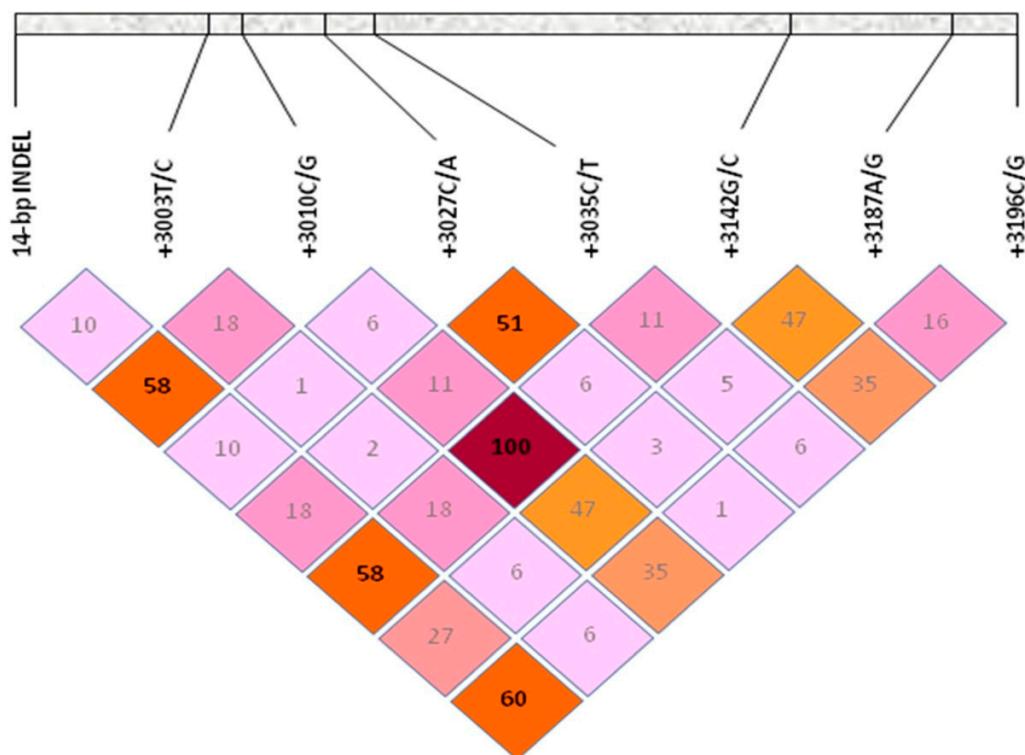


Figure S1. LD patterns at the 3'UTR region of *HLA-G* in 248 patients with mCRC. LD plot generated by LDPlotter shows correlations between all pairs of variants with MAF >2%. The r^2 values ($\times 100$) for the marker pairs are listed in the corresponding boxes. High pairwise LD (r^2) between variants is highlighted in bold.

Table S1. Distribution of polymorphisms and haplotypes of the *HLA-G* 3'UTR region. All selected polymorphisms had genotype distributions consistent with Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium assumptions.

| | n | (%) | MAF | HWE |
|--|-----|--------|-------|------------------|
| 496 | | | | |
| +2960 14-bp INDEL (rs371194629) | | | | |
| Del/Del | 94 | (37.9) | 0.409 | <i>p</i> =0.0501 |
| Del/Ins | 105 | (42.3) | | |
| Ins/Ins | 49 | (19.8) | | |
| +3003 T>C (rs1707) | | | | |
| TT | 189 | (76.2) | 0.131 | <i>p</i> =0.3317 |
| TC | 53 | (21.4) | | |
| CC | 6 | (2.4) | | |
| +3010 C>G (rs1710)^a | | | | |
| CC | 77 | (31.1) | 0.456 | <i>p</i> =0.3686 |
| CG | 116 | (46.8) | | |
| GG | 55 | (22.2) | | |
| +3027 C>A (rs17179101) | | | | |
| CC | 216 | (87.1) | 0.065 | <i>p</i> =0.2774 |
| CA | 32 | (12.9) | | |
| +3035 C>T (rs17179108) | | | | |
| CC | 194 | (78.2) | 0.119 | <i>p</i> =0.3663 |
| CT | 49 | (19.8) | | |
| TT | 5 | (2.0) | | |
| +3187 A>G (rs9380142) | | | | |
| AA | 126 | (50.8) | 0.282 | <i>p</i> =0.5816 |
| AG | 104 | (41.9) | | |
| GG | 18 | (7.3) | | |
| +3196 C>G (rs1610696) | | | | |
| CC | 120 | (48.4) | 0.294 | <i>p</i> =0.2863 |
| CG | 110 | (44.4) | | |
| GG | 18 | (7.3) | | |
| Haplotype | | | | |
| UTR1/UTR1 | 18 | (7.3) | | |
| UTR1/UTR2 | 46 | (18.6) | | |
| UTR1/UTR4 | 20 | (8.1) | | |
| UTR2/UTR2 | 18 | (7.3) | | |
| UTR2/UTR3 | 16 | (6.5) | | |
| UTR2/UTR5 | 10 | (4.0) | | |
| UTR2/UTR7 | 16 | (6.5) | | |
| UTR3/UTR1 | 22 | (8.9) | | |
| UTR4/UTR2 | 17 | (6.9) | | |
| Other | 65 | (26.2) | | |

^a+3142 G>C (rs1063320) is in complete linkage disequilibrium with +3010.

Abbreviations: MAF: minor allele frequency; HWE: Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium.

Table S2. Frequency distributions of alleles and genotypes identified at *HLA-G* 3'UTR polymorphic sites of 248 patients with mCRC and comparison with those of 503 European (EUR) donors reported in 1000Genome Browser.

| <i>HLA-G</i> 3'UTR Polymorphisms | Our population | | Our population | | Our population vs. EUR <i>p</i> -value* | | |
|---|----------------|------------|----------------|-------|--|------------|---------------|
| | Genotypes | n (%) | EUR | n (%) | | | |
| +2960 14-bp INDEL (rs371194629) | Del/Del | 94 (37.9) | 204 (40.6) | Del | 293 (59.1) | 638 (63.4) | 0.1135 |
| | Ins/Del | 105 (42.3) | 230 (45.7) | Ins | 203 (40.9) | 368 (36.6) | |
| | Ins/Ins | 49 (19.8) | 69 (13.7) | | | | |
| +3003 T>C (rs1707) | T/T | 189 (76.2) | 367 (73.0) | T | 431 (86.9) | 851 (84.6) | 0.2454 |
| | T/C | 53 (21.4) | 117 (23.3) | C | 65 (13.1) | 155 (15.4) | |
| | C/C | 6 (2.4) | 19 (3.8) | | | | |
| +3010 C>G (rs1710) | C/C | 77 (31.0) | 104 (20.7) | C | 268 (54.0) | 462 (45.9) | 0.0036 |
| | G/C | 114 (46.0) | 254 (50.5) | G | 228 (46.0) | 544 (54.1) | |
| | G/G | 57 (23.0) | 145 (28.8) | | | | |
| +3027 C>A (rs17179101) | C/C | 216 (87.1) | 443 (88.1) | C | 464 (93.6) | 946 (94.0) | 0.7319 |
| | C/A | 32 (12.9) | 60 (11.9) | A | 32 (6.4) | 60 (6.0) | |
| | A/A | 0 (0.0) | 0 (0.0) | | | | |
| +3035 C>T (rs17179108) | C/C | 194 (78.2) | 412 (81.9) | C | 437 (88.1) | 913 (90.8) | 0.1219 |
| | C/T | 49 (19.8) | 89 (17.7) | T | 59 (11.9) | 93 (9.2) | |
| | T/T | 5 (2.0) | 2 (0.4) | | | | |
| +3142 G>C (rs1063320) | G/G | 77 (31.0) | 104 (20.7) | G | 270 (54.4) | 462 (45.9) | 0.0021 |
| | G/C | 116 (46.8) | 254 (50.5) | C | 226 (45.6) | 544 (54.1) | |
| | C/C | 55 (22.2) | 145 (28.8) | | | | |
| +3187 A>G (rs9380142) | A/A | 126 (50.8) | 214 (42.5) | A | 355 (71.6) | 660 (65.6) | 0.0222 |
| | A/G | 103 (41.5) | 232 (46.1) | G | 141 (28.4) | 346 (34.4) | |
| | G/G | 19 (7.7) | 57 (11.3) | | | | |
| +3196 C>G (rs1610696) | C/C | 120 (48.4) | 263 (52.3) | C | 350 (70.6) | 728 (72.4) | 0.4653 |
| | C/G | 110 (44.3) | 202 (40.2) | G | 146 (29.4) | 278 (27.6) | |
| | G/G | 18 (7.3) | 38 (7.6) | | | | |
| +3227 G>A (rs1233331) | G/G | 238 (96.0) | 468 (93.0) | G | 485 (97.8) | 970 (96.4) | 0.2066 |
| | G/A | 9 (3.6) | 34 (6.8) | A | 11 (2.2) | 36 (3.6) | |
| | A/A | 1 (0.4) | 1 (0.2) | | | | |

*calculated with two-sided Fisher's exact test.

Table S3. Univariate hazard ratio (HR) and corresponding 95% confidence intervals (CI)^a for clinical response to treatment according to *HLA-G* 3'UTR polymorphisms (additive model) and UTR-1 haplotype.

| Alias | SNP rs | CR | | | CR+PR | | |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| | | HR (95%CI) | p-value | p-value _{BH} ^b | HR (95%CI) | p-value | p-value _{BH} ^b |
| +2960 Del/Insrs371194629 | | 0.41 (0.21-0.78) | 0.0070 | 0.0138 | 0.91 (0.69-1.19) | 0.4809 | 0.7449 |
| +3003 T>C | rs1707 | 1.35 (0.57-3.18) | 0.4972 | 0.4972 | 0.94 (0.64-1.37) | 0.7310 | 0.7449 |
| +3010 C>G | rs1710 | 3.30 (1.61-6.77) | 0.0011 | 0.0039 | 1.10 (0.84-1.46) | 0.4848 | 0.7449 |
| +3027 C>A | rs17179101 | - | - | - | 1.22 (0.68-2.19) | 0.5099 | 0.7449 |
| +3035 C>T | rs17179108 | - | - | - | 0.93 (0.62-1.39) | 0.7336 | 0.7449 |
| +3187 A>G | rs9380142 | 2.94 (1.33-6.51) | 0.0079 | 0.0138 | 1.16 (0.85-1.60) | 0.3528 | 0.7449 |
| +3196 C>G | rs1610696 | 0.60 (0.28-1.28) | 0.1896 | 0.2654 | 0.92 (0.67-1.25) | 0.5733 | 0.7449 |
| Haplotype | Patients | CR | | | CR+PR | | |
| | | HR (95%CI) | p-value | p-value _{BH} ^b | HR (95%CI) | p-value | p-value _{BH} ^b |
| UTR-1 | | | | | | | |
| 0 | 120 | Reference | | | Reference | | |
| 1 copy | 99 | 1.71 (0.55-5.31) | 0.3522 | 0.4109 | 0.93 (0.62-1.41) | 0.7449 | 0.7449 |
| 2 copies | 17 | 8.64 (2.47-30.28) | 0.0007 | 0.0039 | 1.80 (0.95-3.43) | 0.0709 | 0.6381 |

Associations with p-value <0.05 are evidenced in bold.

^a Estimated from unconditional logistic regression model, adjusting for gender, age, site, stage at diagnosis, radical surgery, adjuvant treatment, and number of metastatic sites. ^b Corrected for multiple comparisons according to Benjamini-Hochberg method.

Table S4. Univariate hazard ratio (HR) and corresponding 95% confidence intervals (CI)^a for death or progression according to *HLA-G* 3'UTR polymorphisms (additive model) and to the most frequent haplotypes in patients with complete or partial response.

| SNP | Overall survival | | | Progression-free survival | | |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | HR (95% CI) | p-value | p-value _{BH^b} | HR (95% CI) | p-value | p-value _{BH^b} |
| +2960 Del/Ins | 1.12 (0.71-1.76) | 0.6274 | 0.6274 | 1.04 (0.72-1.51) | 0.8276 | 0.8276 |
| +3003 T>C | 0.65 (0.31-1.37) | 0.2614 | 0.5329 | 0.71 (0.39-1.28) | 0.2586 | 0.4526 |
| +3010 C>G | 1.16 (0.76-1.77) | 0.4850 | 0.6091 | 1.23 (0.87-1.74) | 0.2361 | 0.4526 |
| +3027 C>A | 1.65 (0.64-4.28) | 0.3045 | 0.5329 | 1.38 (0.62-3.07) | 0.4283 | 0.5996 |
| +3035 C>T | 1.88 (1.00-3.54) | 0.0498 | 0.3486 | 1.46 (0.84-2.53) | 0.1806 | 0.4526 |
| +3187 A>G | 1.50 (0.91-2.48) | 0.1094 | 0.3829 | 1.45 (0.98-2.16) | 0.0661 | 0.4526 |
| +3196 C>G | 0.83 (0.47-1.46) | 0.5221 | 0.6091 | 0.87 (0.55-1.38) | 0.5517 | 0.6437 |
| Haplotype | Overall survival | | | Progression-free survival | | |
| | HR (95% CI) | p-value | p-value _{BH^b} | HR (95% CI) | p-value | p-value _{BH^b} |
| UTR-1 | | | | | | |
| 0 | Reference | | | Reference | | |
| 1 copy | 1.22 (0.60-2.50) | 0.5821 | 0.7900 | 1.39 (0.78-2.48) | 0.2610 | 0.7084 |
| 2 copies | 2.72 (0.97-7.59) | 0.0562 | 0.3468 | 2.19 (0.93-5.17) | 0.0743 | 0.2823 |
| 1 + 2 copies | 1.43 (0.74-2.77) | 0.2901 | 0.6428 | 1.52 (0.88-2.61) | 0.1305 | 0.4133 |
| UTR-2 | | | | | | |
| 0 | Reference | | | Reference | | |
| 1 copy | 0.91 (0.47-1.75) | 0.7678 | 0.8143 | 0.92 (0.53-1.57) | 0.7468 | 0.8347 |
| 2 copy | 0.47 (0.06-3.57) | 0.4680 | 0.6904 | 0.63 (0.15-2.67) | 0.5337 | 0.7244 |
| 1 + 2 copies | 0.86 (0.45-1.65) | 0.6582 | 0.7972 | 0.89 (0.52-1.51) | 0.6561 | 0.7791 |
| UTR-3 | | | | | | |
| 0 | Reference | | | Reference | | |
| 1 copy | 0.38 (0.14-1.09) | 0.0730 | 0.3468 | 0.47 (0.21-1.04) | 0.0630 | 0.2823 |
| 2 copies | 0.48 (0.07-3.55) | 0.4724 | 0.6904 | 0.36 (0.05-2.59) | 0.3077 | 0.7244 |
| 1 + 2 copies | 0.40 (0.16-1.04) | 0.0588 | 0.3468 | 0.45 (0.21-0.963) | 0.0387 | 0.2451 |
| UTR-4 | | | | | | |
| 0 | Reference | | | Reference | | |
| 1 copy | 0.84 (0.36-1.92) | 0.6713 | 0.7972 | 0.93 (0.48-1.81) | 0.8249 | 0.8707 |
| 2 copies | - | | - | - | - | - |
| 1 + 2 copies | 0.70 (0.31-1.60) | 0.4001 | 0.6904 | 0.78 (0.40-1.51) | 0.4609 | 0.7244 |
| UTR-5 | | | | | | |
| 0 | Reference | | | Reference | | |
| 1 copy | 1.55 (0.55-4.43) | 0.4092 | 0.6904 | 1.31 (0.52-3.29) | 0.5719 | 0.7244 |
| 2 copies | 3.30 (0.4-24.67) | 0.2445 | 0.6428 | 2.03 (0.28-14.85) | 0.4847 | 0.7244 |
| 1 + 2 copies | 1.74 (0.67-4.94) | 0.2544 | 0.6428 | 1.39 (0.59-3.26) | 0.4504 | 0.7244 |
| UTR-6 | | | | | | |
| 0 | Reference | | | Reference | | |
| 1 copy | 9.50 (2.10-43.09) | 0.0035 | 0.0665 | 8.55 (3.22-22.72) | <0.0001 | 0.0004 |
| 2 copies | 0.74 (0.10-5.62) | 0.7714 | 0.8143 | 0.56 (0.08-4.16) | 0.5713 | 0.7244 |
| 1 + 2 copies | 2.00 (0.60-6.72) | 0.2626 | 0.6428 | 2.61 (1.10-6.21) | 0.0294 | 0.2451 |
| UTR-7 | | | | | | |
| 0 | Reference | | | Reference | | |
| 1 copy | 1.65 (0.64-4.28) | 0.3045 | 0.6428 | 1.38 (0.62-3.07) | 0.4283 | 0.7244 |

Associations with p-value <0.05 are evidenced in bold.

^a Estimated from Cox proportional hazards model. ^b Corrected for multiple comparisons according to Benjamini-Hochberg method. Significant associations (p<0.05) were reported in bold.