

**Table S1.** Time from surgery to start of adjuvant chemotherapy in four groups.

		Symptom group	Imaging group	Marker group	Intense group	P
		(n=43)	(n=21)	(n=42)	(n=74)	value
Time (weeks)	§	10.7	10.0	7.0	6.9	0.439¶
n=	> 8weeks	2	2	4	6	
n=	≤ 8weeks	1	1	11	27	
	No	40	18	27	41	
	adjuvant					
Range (weeks)		4.0-28.6	6.0-13.6	3.4-13.6	4.0-12.3	
¶ Kruskal-Wallis test						
§ Median value						

**Table S2.** Post-operative follow-up patter in four groups.

		Symptom group (n=44)		Imaging group (n=21)		Marker group (n=42)		Intense group (n=74)	
	Months	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Imaging interval</b>	Never	2	4.5%	0	0%	4	9.5%	0	0%
	≤ 4	0	0%	21	100%	0	0%	74	100%
	4 to ≤6	12	27.3%	0	0%	17	40.5%	0	0%
	6 to ≤12	18	40.9%	0	0%	17	40.5%	0	0%
	> 12	12	27.3%	0	0%	4	9.5%	0	0%
<b>CA19-9 interval</b>	Never	11	25.0%	9	42.9%	0	0%	1	1.4%
	≤ 4	0	0%	0	0%	40	95.2%	73	98.6%
	4 to ≤6	16	36.4%	9	42.9%	1	2.4%	0	0%
	6 to ≤12	14	31.8%	3	14.3%	1	2.4%	0	0%
	> 12	3	6.8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
<b>CEA interval</b>	Never	11	25.0%	11	52.4%	4	9.5%	8	10.8%
	≤ 4	0	0%	0	0%	26	61.9%	59	79.7%
	4 to ≤6	14	31.8%	6	28.6%	9	21.4%	3	4.1%
	6 to ≤12	15	34.1%	4	19.0%	2	4.8%	4	5.4%
	> 12	4	9.1%	0	0%	1	2.4%	0	0%