**A**

- Pre-operative plasma CK18-Asp396/CK18 ratio
- Dukes' stage
- n values: A = 5, B = 22, C = 14, D = 8

**B**

- Disease-free survival %
- Time (years)
- CK18-Asp396/CK18 ratio ≤ median
- CK18-Asp396/CK18 ratio > median
- All patients
- Pre-operative plasma
- Log Rank 3.08
- P = 0.08

**C**

- Disease-free survival %
- Time (years)
- CK18-Asp396/CK18 ratio ≤ median
- CK18-Asp396/CK18 ratio > median
- Dukes' C/D
- Pre-operative plasma
- Log Rank 6.63
- P = 0.01

**D**

- Disease-free survival %
- Time (years)
- CK18-Asp396/CK18 ratio ≤ median
- CK18-Asp396/CK18 ratio > median
- Dukes' A/B
- Pre-operative plasma
- Log Rank 1.05
- P = 0.31