

Immunohistochemical (IHC) scores (0–2) for IGFBP-3 expression in the cytoplasm of invasive ductal cancers and ductal carcinoma *in situ*

Cancer type	Total no. of tumours	IGFBP-3 IHC score		
		Negative (0)	Weak/moderate (1+)	Strong (2+)
Invasive	101	15	54	32
DCIS	102	10	52	40

Tumour numbers scored (0–2) on immunohistochemistry (IHC) for IGFBP-3 expression in the cytoplasm of invasive cancers and ductal carcinoma *in situ* (DCIS). IHC expression was individually assessed in the nucleus and cytoplasm, and defined as negative (0), weak/moderate (1+) or strong (2+). Positivity for IGFBP-3 expression was defined as an IHC score of (1+/2+).