### Immunohistochemical Expression of Debiquitinating Enzyme OTUB1 in Colorectal Carcinoma

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#### **List of Abbreviations**

#### Abbrev. Full-term

**AFAP** : Attenuated Familial Adenomatous Polyposis

**AFP** : Alpha Fetoprotein

**AJCC** : American Committee for Cancer

**AMACR** : Alpha Methyl Acyl Coenzyme A Racemase

**APC** : Adenomatous Polyposis Coli

**API** : Asian/Pacific Iskander

**ATP** : Adenosine triphosphate

**β-HCG**: Beta Human chorionic gonadotropin

**BMPR1A**: Bone Morphogenetic Protein Receptor, type IA

**BRAF**: B-Raf Proto-oncogene, Serine/threonine Kinase

**CAP** : College of American Pathologists

**CDX2** : Caudal Type Homeobox 2

**CEA** : Carcinoembryonic Antigen

**CHRPE** : Congenital Hypertrophy of the Retinal Pigment

Epithelium

**CIMP** : CpG Island Methylation Pathway

**CIN** : Chromosomal Instability Pathway

**CK** : Cytokeratin

**CpG** : 5'—C—phosphate—G—3'

**CRC** : Colorectal Cancer

**DAB** : Diaminobenzidine

**DM** : Diabetes Mellitus

**DNA** : Deoxyribonucleic Acid

**DUBs** : Deubiquitinating Enzymes

E : Enzyme

**EMT** : Epithelial Mesenchymal Transition

**EMVI** : Extramural Venous Invasion

**EpCAM**: Epithelial Cell Adhesion Molecule Gene

**FAP** : Familial Adenomatous Polyposis

GI : Gastrointestinal

**GRAIL** : Gene Related to Anergy In Lymphocytes

**H&E**: Haematoxylin and Eosin

**HDI** : Human Development Index

**HNPCC**: Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer

**HPS**: Hyperplastic Polyposis Syndrome

**HPs**: Hyperplastic Polyps

**IBD** : Personal History of Inflammatory Bowel Disease

**IGF** : Insulin-like Growth Factor

**IHC**: Imunohistochemistry

IL: Interleukin

**IMVI** : Intramural Venous Invasion

**IRR** : Incidence Rate Ratio

**IRS** : Immunoreactivity Score

JAMMs : JAMM/MPN Domain Associated Metallopeptidases

**JPS** : Juvenile Polyposis Syndrome

**KRAS**: Kirsten Rat Sarcoma-2 Virus Oncogene

**LKB1** : Liver Kinase B1

**LOH** : Loss of Heterozygosity

**M** : Metastasis

**MANEC**: Mixed Adenoneuroendocrine Carcinoma

MAP : MUTYH Associated Polyposis

**MCPIP** : Monocyte Chemotactic Protein Induced Protein

**MINDY** : Motif Interacting with Ub-containing Novel DUB

Family

**MJD** : Machado-Joseph Disease Protein Domain

Proteases

**MLH1** : MutL Homolog 1

**MMR** : Mismatch Repair Gene

**MSH2** : MutS Protein Homolog 2

**MSH6** : MutS Homolog 6

**MSI** : Microsatellite Instability

MSI-H : Microsatellite Instability-High

MSS : Microsatellite Stable

MUC1 : Mucin 1 Cell Surface Associated

MUC2 : Mucin 2 Cell Surface Associated

**MUC5AC**: Mucin 5AC

**MUTYH** : MutY Homolog

N : Node

**NEC** : Neuroendocrine carcinomas

**NF-Kb** : Nuclear Factor Kappa-Light-Chain-Enhancer of

Activated B cells

NOS : Not Otherwise Specified

NS : Non-significant

**OTUB1** : OTU domain-containing ubiquitin aldehyde-

Binding protein

OTUs : Ovarian Tumor Domain Containing Proteases

**P** : Probability

**PDC**: Poorly Differentiated Clusters

**PIK3CA**: Phosphatidylinositol-4, 5-Bisphosphate 3-Kinase,

Catalytic Subunit Alpha

**PJS**: Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome

PMS2 : Postmeiotic Segregation Increased 2

**PNI** : Perineural Invasion

**PSC**: Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis

S : Significant

**SD** : Standard Deviation

**SES** : Socioeconomic Status

**SMAD4** : Mad-related protein4

**SPS** : Serrated Polyposis Syndrome

**SPSS** : Statistical Package for Social Science

**SSA/Ps** : SSA and Sessile Serrated Polyp

SSAs : Sessile Serrated Adenomas

**STK11** : Serine/threonine kinase 11

T : Tumor

**TGF-β** : Transforming Growth Factor-β

**TNM**: Tumor Node Metastasis

**TP53** : Tumor Protein p53

**TSAs** : Traditional Serrated Adenomas

**UB** : Ubiquitin

**UCHs**: Ubiquitin Carboxy-terminal Hydrolases

**UICC**: Union Internationale Contre Cancer

**UPP** : Ubiquitin Proteasome Pathway

**USA** : United States of America

**USP22** : Ubiquitin Specific Protease 22

**USPs**: Ubiquitin Specific Proteases

**VEGF** : Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor

VI : Venous Invasion

**WHO**: World Health Organization

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#### Introduction

orldwide, Colorectal cancer (CRC) is by far the most common malignancy of the gastrointestinal tract ranking the third most commonly diagnosed malignancy in men while the second most common cancer in women and the fourth leading cause of cancer death according to 2012 GLOBOCAN database. More than two-thirds of all cases and about 60% of all deaths occurred in countries with a high or very high human development index (HDI) (Arnold et al., 2017).

CRC is positively associated with human development with estimated rate about six to seven times higher in very high HDI compared to low HDI regions in both sexes. With an etiology linked to lifestyle and environment, including changes in dietary and metabolic factors. Therefore CRC can be considered a clear marker of developmental transition (*Fidler et al.*, 2016).

CRC diagnosis rates are highest in Australia and New Zealand, with the lowest rates foundin Western Africa(*Ferlay et al.*, 2013).

CRC in Egypt, as most of developing countries, has lower incidence than that of western countries with sedentary lifestyle. In Egypt, it is the sixth most common cancer constituting about 4% of total cancers in both sexes (*Zeeneldin et al.*, 2012).

CRC is generally thought of as a disease of older persons, with more than 90% of patients being diagnosed after the age of 55 years. It is well known, however, that CRC also affects a young population. Recent studies suggested that as many as 7% of patients who developed CRC were under 40 years of age, and this incidence keeps increasing (*Berut et al.*, 2013).

The epidemiology of CRC in developing countries differs from that of developed countries. CRC in developing countries including Egypt is usually characterized by low incidence, young age of onset and left-sided location (*Zahir et al.*, 2014).

El-Bolkainy et al. (2006) referred to the difference in the site of CRC distribution between developed and developing countries, for instance in USA, rectal carcinoma constituted 25% of all CRC while in Africa it is 50%.

In most Western populations, the average lifetime risk for CRC is in the range of 3–5%. However, this risk almost doubles in individuals with a first-degree family member with CRC who was diagnosed at 50–70 years of age; the risk triples if the first-degree relative was <50 years of age at diagnosis (*Kuipers et al., 2015*).

More than 50% of patients with CRC will develop metastatic disease to their liver over the course of their life, which ultimately results in death for more than two thirds of these patients. Currently, hepatic resection of CRC liver