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545 **Figure A:** TNM stage in relation to the mucosal proliferative index measured by Ki-67
546 immunostaining.

547 **Figure B:** Colonization of the mucosa or tumor by *E. coli* in relation to the presence of B2
548 phylotype *E. coli* strains.

549 **Figure C:** Colonization of the mucosa or tumor by *E. coli* in relation to the presence of
550 cyclomodulin-encoded genes.

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