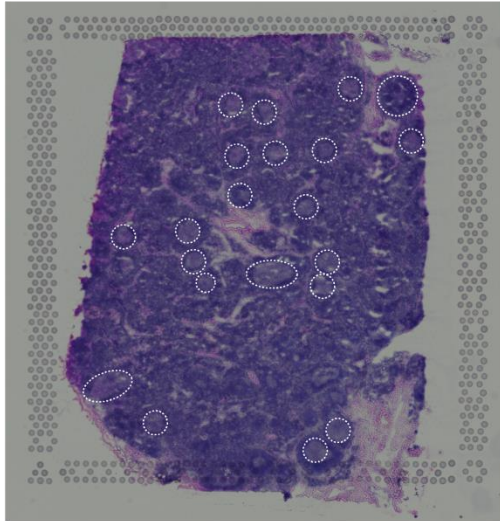


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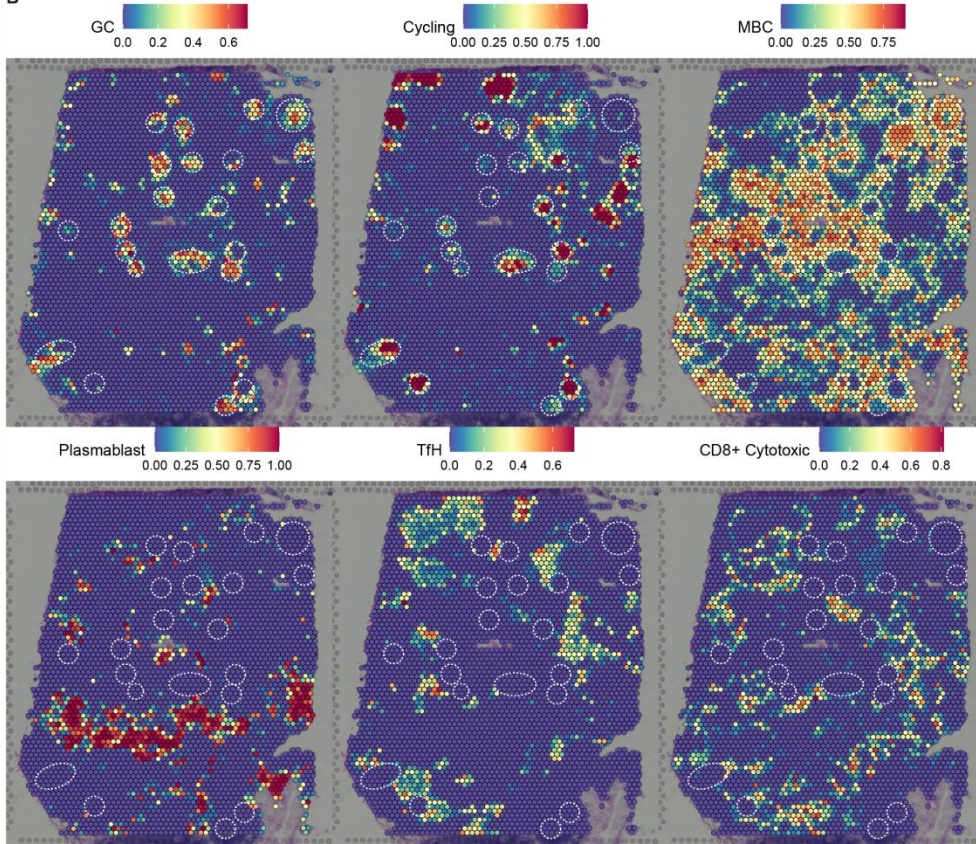
Supplemental data

Figure S1. Probabilistic classification of immune cells in lymph node

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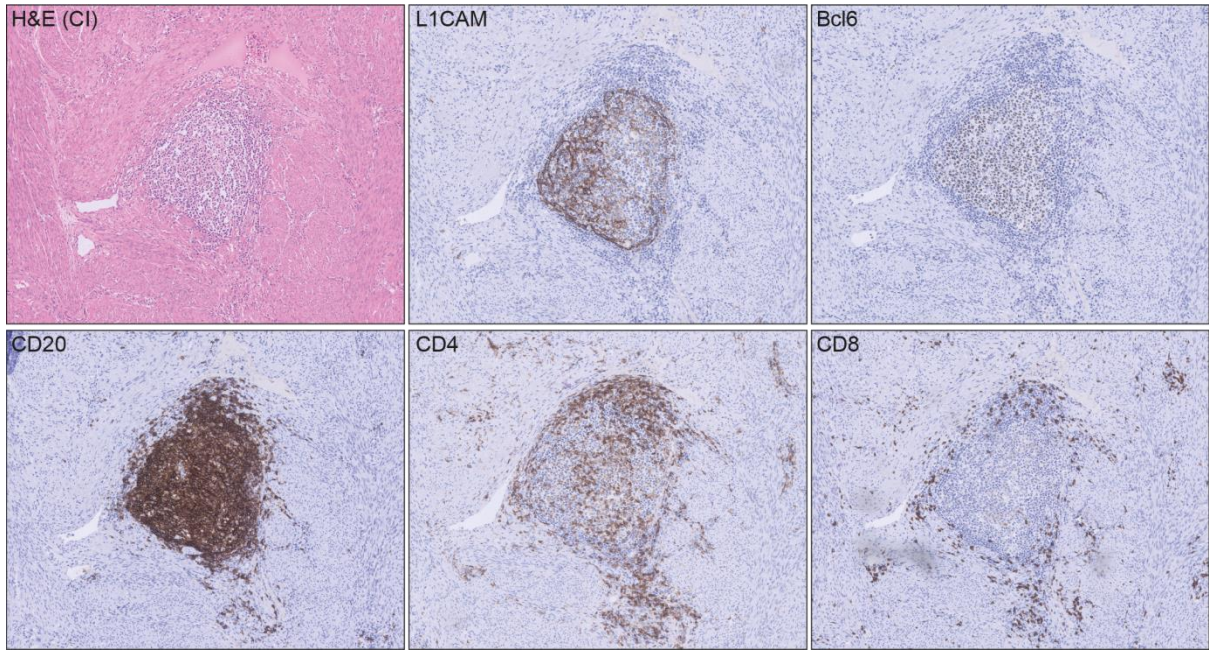


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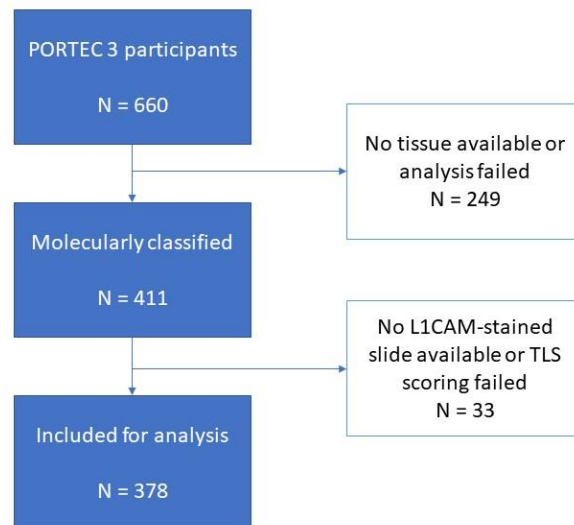
Panel A: Germinal centers manually assigned on H&E of Visium lymph node data. Panel B: probabilistic classification for annotated immune cells in spatial transcriptomic data of a human lymph node.

Figure S2. Hallmarks of mature TLS in L1CAM-positive TLS



Hallmark features of TLS maturation in L1CAM-positive TLS as determined by Bcl6, CD20, CD4 and CD8 immunohistochemistry

Figure S3. CONSORT flowchart PORTEC-3



Definition of abbreviations: PORTEC-3 = adjuvant chemoradiotherapy versus radiotherapy alone in women with high-risk endometrial cancer trial; TLS = tertiary lymphoid structure.

Table S1. Genes differentially expressed between TLS-positive and TLS-negative UCEC TCGA cases

Provided separately in the excel file 'Table S1. Genes differentially expressed between TLS-positive and TLS-negative UCEC TCGA cases'

Table S2. Overview of included and excluded PORTEC-3 participants

Characteristics	Total N (%)	Included N (%)	Excluded N (%)	Difference p-value
No. of patients	660 (100.0)	378 (57.3)	282 (42.7)	
Received treatment				
external beam radiotherapy	333 (50.5)	187 (49.5)	146 (51.8)	0.56
chemoradiotherapy	327 (49.5)	191 (50.5)	136 (48.2)	
Age - median (IQR)	62 (12)	62 (12)	63 (12)	0.21
Histotype and grade				
endometrioid grade 1-2	255 (38.6)	153 (40.5)	102 (36.2)	0.52
endometrioid grade 3	185 (28.0)	104 (27.5)	81 (28.7)	
non-endometrioid	220 (33.3)	121 (32.0)	99 (35.1)	
Stage				
IA	78 (11.8)	50 (13.3)	28 (9.9)	0.53
IB	117 (17.7)	65 (17.2)	52 (18.4)	
II	170 (25.8)	96 (25.4)	74 (26.2)	
III	295 (44.8)	167 (44.3)	128 (45.2)	
Myometrial invasion				
≤50%	239 (36.2)	136 (36.0)	103 (36.5)	0.90
>50%	418 (63.3)	240 (63.5)	178 (63.1)	
unknown	3 (0.5)	2 (0.5)	1 (0.4)	
LVSI				
no	272 (41.2)	139 (36.8)	133 (47.2)	0.007
yes	388 (58.8)	239 (63.2)	149 (52.8)	

Definition of abbreviations: IQR = interquartile range; LVSI = lymphovascular space invasion

Table S3. Association of TLS with multiple classifying molecular features in high risk endometrial cancer

Molecular features	Total	TLS: none	TLS: ≥ 1	Number of TLS	
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	mean	range
<i>POLE</i> mut single classifier	31 (100)	15 (48.4)	16 (51.6)	1.48	0-14
MMRd single classifier	117 (100)	94 (80.3)	23 (19.7)	0.74	0-10
p53abn single classifier	83 (100)	78 (94.0)	5 (6.0)	0.19	0-6
NSMP	121 (100)	108 (89.3)	13 (10.7)	0.21	0-5
<i>POLE</i> mut, MMRd and p53abn	2 (100)	0 (0.0)	2 (100)	10.50	0-20
<i>POLE</i> mut and MMRd	9 (100)	5 (55.6)	4 (44.4)	3.00	0-19
<i>POLE</i> mut and p53abn	5 (100)	3 (60.0)	2 (40.0)	2.60	0-9
MMRd and p53abn	10 (100)	4 (40.0)	6 (60.0)	1.00	0-2

According to Léon-Castillo et al. (J Pathol 2020) endometrial cancer with multiple classifying features are assigned to the *POLE*mut group if a pathological *POLE* mutation is present and to the MMRd subgroup in case of MMRd and p53abn.

Among the tumors assigned to the *POLE*mut molecular subgroup (n=47), 31 (66.0%) had a single classifying feature and 16 (34.0%) had multiple classifying features. Among the 31 *POLE* endometrial cancers with a single classifying feature, 16 (51.6%) had any TLS, among the 16 *POLE*s with multiple classifying features 8 (50.0%) had any TLS (Fisher exact $p = 1.00$). Also, the numbers of TLS between these two groups were not significantly different (Mann-Whitney U $p = 0.58$).

Among the 127 tumors assigned to the MMRd molecular subgroup, TLS were present among 23 of the 117 (19.7%) MMRd endometrial cancer with a single classifying feature; versus TLS presence in 6 out of 10 (60.0%) of those with multiple classifying features (Fisher exact $p = 0.009$). The numbers of TLS were significantly higher among MMRd/p53abn than MMRd single classifiers (Mann-Whitney U $p = 0.013$).

Definitions of abbreviations: *POLE*mut = polymerase epsilon mutated endometrial cancer; MMRd = mismatch repair deficient endometrial cancer; p53abn = p53 abnormal endometrial cancer; NSMP = no specific molecular profile endometrial cancer.

Table S4. Association of TLS with clinicopathological features and immune cell densities in high risk endometrial cancer

Characteristics	Total	TLS: none	TLS: ≥1	p value
All patients	378 (100.0)	307 (81.2)	71 (18.8)	
Age - median (IQR)	62 (12)	62 (12)	59 (11)	0.13
Histotype and grade				
endometrioid grade 1-2	153 (40.5)	135 (44.0)	18 (25.4)	0.003
endometrioid grade 3	104 (27.5)	74 (24.1)	30 (42.3)	
non-endometrioid	121 (32.0)	98 (31.9)	23 (32.4)	
Stage				
IA	50 (13.2)	37 (12.1)	13 (18.3)	0.15
IB	65 (17.2)	49 (16.0)	16 (22.5)	
II	96 (25.4)	83 (27.0)	13 (18.3)	
III	167 (44.2)	138 (45.0)	29 (40.8)	
Myometrial invasion				
≤50%	136 (36.2)	111 (36.4)	25 (35.2)	0.85
>50%	240 (63.8)	194 (63.6)	46 (64.8)	
LVSI				
no	139 (36.8)	114 (37.1)	25 (35.2)	0.76
yes	239 (63.2)	193 (62.9)	46 (64.8)	
Molecular group				
<i>POLE</i> mut	47 (12.4)	23 (7.5)	24 (33.8)	<0.0001
MMRd	127 (33.6)	98 (31.9)	29 (40.8)	
p53abn	83 (22.0)	78 (25.4)	5 (7.0)	
NSMP	121 (32.0)	108 (35.2)	13 (18.3)	
CD8 densities (log2 transformed)				
intraepithelial - median (IQR)	5.5 (3.3)	5.3 (3.1)	7.3 (3.0)	<0.0001
intrastromal - median (IQR)	5.9 (2.9)	5.8 (2.9)	6.9 (2.8)	<0.0001
intratumoral - median (IQR)	6.0 (2.5)	5.8 (2.4)	7.2 (2.8)	<0.0001
CD20 densities (log2 transformed)				
intraepithelial - median (IQR)	3.2 (3.5)	2.9 (3.9)	3.6 (2.7)	0.12
intrastromal - median (IQR)	5.2 (3.9)	4.5 (4.3)	6.4 (3.8)	0.007
intratumoral - median (IQR)	4.2 (3.6)	3.8 (3.7)	5.3 (4.2)	0.024

Definitions of abbreviations: TLS = tertiary lymphoid structures; IQR = interquartile range; LVSI = lymphovascular space invasion; *POLE*mut = polymerase epsilon mutated endometrial cancer; MMRd = mismatch repair deficient

endometrial cancer; p53abn = p53 abnormal endometrial cancer; NSMP = no specific molecular profile endometrial cancer.

Table S5. Association of CD8 densities with clinicopathological features in high risk endometrial cancer

	Intraepithelial		Intrastromal		Intratumoral	
Characteristics	median (IQR)	p value	median (IQR)	p value	median (IQR)	p value
Histotype and grade						
endometrioid gr 1-2	5.3 (2.6)	0.13	5.6 (2.5)	0.001	5.7 (2.1)	0.002
endometrioid gr 3	6.1 (3.4)		6.8 (3.2)		6.6 (3.0)	
non-endometrioid	6.0 (4.1)		6.4 (3.5)		6.5 (3.2)	
Stage						
IA	5.8 (4.4)	0.32	6.9 (4.1)	0.088	6.7 (5.2)	0.087
IB	6.2 (3.0)		6.5 (3.6)		6.8 (3.1)	
II	5.2 (3.3)		5.5 (3.2)		5.6 (2.9)	
III	5.7 (3.2)		5.9 (2.5)		6.0 (2.2)	
Myometrial invasion						
≤50%	5.5 (3.4)	0.59	5.9 (3.0)	0.64	5.9 (3.0)	0.55
>50%	5.7 (3.3)		6.0 (2.8)		6.1 (2.4)	
LVSI						
no	5.5 (3.0)	0.54	5.9 (3.3)	0.43	5.8 (2.7)	0.30
yes	5.6 (3.3)		6.0 (2.7)		6.2 (2.4)	
Molecular group						
POLEmut	7.2 (3.1)	<0.0001	7.4 (2.8)	<0.0001	7.5 (2.5)	<0.0001
MMRd	6.7 (2.7)		6.6 (2.5)		6.8 (2.7)	
p53abn	4.5 (3.5)		5.0 (3.3)		5.4 (3.2)	
NSMP	4.9 (2.2)		5.3 (2.6)		5.5 (2.0)	

Definitions of abbreviations: IQR = interquartile range; LVSI = lymphovascular space invasion; corr = correlation; *POLE*mut = polymerase epsilon mutated endometrial cancer; MMRd = mismatch repair deficient endometrial cancer; p53abn = p53 abnormal endometrial cancer; NSMP = no specific molecular profile endometrial cancer.

Table S6. Association of CD20 densities with clinicopathological features in high risk endometrial cancer

Characteristics	Intraepithelial		Intrastromal		Intratumoral	
	median (IQR)	p value	median (IQR)	p value	median (IQR)	p value
Histotype and grade						
endometrioid gr 1-2	2.7 (3.6)	0.12	4.3 (3.6)	.002	3.6 (3.2)	0.007
endometrioid gr 3	3.5 (4.0)		6.0 (3.9)		4.9 (4.2)	
non-endometrioid	3.1 (4.2)		5.5 (6.0)		4.1 (5.0)	
Stage						
IA	3.4 (3.2)	0.77	5.8 (4.6)	0.15	4.4 (4.1)	0.48
IB	3.2 (4.0)		5.4 (4.8)		4.0 (4.5)	
II	3.0 (4.2)		4.8 (4.3)		4.0 (3.7)	
III	3.1 (3.8)		4.5 (4.4)		3.8 (3.8)	
Myometrial invasion						
≤50%	3.2 (3.9)	0.69	5.4 (5.1)	0.95	4.2 (3.9)	0.89
>50%	3.1 (3.7)		4.8 (4.3)		3.9 (3.7)	
LVSI						
no	3.0 (4.2)	0.67	5.2 (4.7)	0.48	3.9 (4.0)	0.92
yes	3.2 (3.7)		4.6 (4.2)		4.0 (3.8)	
Molecular group						
POLEmut	4.0 (3.6)	<0.009	6.8 (3.3)	<0.0001	5.7 (4.6)	<0.0001
MMRd	3.6 (3.2)		6.1 (3.7)		5.3 (3.6)	
p53abn	2.3 (4.0)		4.0 (5.3)		3.2 (4.5)	
NSMP	2.5 (3.5)		3.8 (3.5)		3.2 (2.9)	

Definitions of abbreviations: IQR = interquartile range; LVSI = lymphovascular space invasion; corr = correlation; *POLE*mut = polymerase epsilon mutated endometrial cancer; MMRd = mismatch repair deficient endometrial cancer; p53abn = p53 abnormal endometrial cancer; NSMP = no specific molecular profile endometrial cancer.

Table S7. Factors associated with TLS presence in high-risk endometrial cancer

	Univariable analysis			Multivariable analysis		
	OR	95% CI	p value	OR	95% CI	p value
Age	0.99	0.96-1.02	0.35	1.01	0.97-1.06	0.57
Histograde						
EEC grade 1-2	reference			reference		
EEC grade 3	3.04	1.59-5.82	0.001	2.01	0.78-5.18	0.15
non-EEC	1.76	0.90-3.44	0.098	1.59	0.55-4.58	0.39
Stage (I-II vs. III)	0.85	0.50-1.43	0.53	1.22	0.56-2.66	0.61
LVSI (no vs. yes)	1.09	0.63-1.86	0.76	0.81	0.37-1.77	0.60
Molecular group						
NSMP	reference			reference		
POLEmut	8.67	3.85-19.51	<0.0001	4.94	1.43-17.05	0.011
MMRd	2.46	1.21-5.00	0.013	1.27	0.49-3.29	0.63
p53abn	0.53	0.18-1.56	0.25	0.31	0.07-1.40	0.13
CD8 density						
intraepithelial	1.38	1.18-1.62	<0.0001			
intrastromal	1.35	1.15-1.58	<0.0001			
intratumoral	1.47	1.23-1.75	<0.0001	1.30	1.04-1.62	0.020
CD20 density						
intraepithelial	1.10	0.98-1.24	0.12			
intrastromal	1.12	1.02-1.23	0.023	0.97	0.84-1.15	0.86
intratumoral	1.12	1.01-1.24	0.033			

Univariable and multivariable regression analysis using Cox proportional hazards models show the association of clinicopathological factors, molecular class and cytotoxic T-cell (CD8) and B-cell (CD20) with presence of tertiary lymphoid structures detected using L1CAM. Covariates were pre-specified according to Léon-Castillo et al. (2020). In the multivariable model, the CD8 and CD20 marker with the strongest association was entered in the multivariable model. -2 Log likelihood = 207.369, Nagelkerke R = 0.239.

Table S8. Impact of TLS and immune cell densities on time to recurrence in high-risk endometrial cancer

Univariable analysis					
	HR	95% CI	p value	C-index (se)	AIC
<i>Recurrence (n=252, 75 events)</i>					
CD8 density					
intraepithelial	0.85	0.78-0.93	0.00049	0.608 (0.034)	780.171
intrastromal	0.87	0.80-0.95	0.0046	0.585 (0.034)	784.093
intratumoral	0.83	0.74-0.93	0.0011	0.597 (0.034)	781.202
CD20 density					
intraepithelial	0.93	0.84-1.03	0.18	0.546 (0.034)	790.026
intrastromal	0.92	0.85-1.00	0.048	0.560 (0.033)	787.936
intratumoral	0.92	0.84-1.01	0.073	0.552 (0.034)	788.614
TLS					
number of TLS	0.62	0.42-0.92	0.017	0.576 (0.018)	778.315
none vs. ≥1	0.25	0.10-0.62	0.0028	0.575 (0.019)	778.397

Univariable Cox proportional hazards models show impact of log2-transformed T-cell (CD8) and B-cell (CD20) densities in the intraepithelial, intrastromal and the intratumoral (intraepithelial + intrastromal) compartments and the presence of tertiary lymphoid structures on time to endometrial recurrence. Definition of abbreviations: HR = hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval; C-index - concordance index; se = standard error; AIC = Akaike's Information Criterion; TLS = tertiary lymphoid structure.

Table S9. Correlation between immune cell densities and TLS in high-risk endometrial cancer

		CD8			CD20			TLS	
		intra-epithelial	intra-stromal	intra-tumoral	intra-epithelial	intra-stromal	intra-tumoral	number	none vs. ≥ 1
CD8 ⁺	jtraepithelial								
	intrastromal	0.848**							
	intratumoral	0.920**	0.955**						
CD20 ⁺	jtraepithelial	0.390**	0.398**	0.408**					
	intrastromal	0.507**	0.554**	0.541**	0.695**				
	intratumoral	0.493**	0.522**	0.524**	0.797**	0.947**			
TLS	number	0.276**	0.240**	0.272**	0.144*	0.209**	0.191**		
	none vs. ≥ 1	0.282**	0.246**	0.281**	0.133*	0.198**	0.179**	0.993**	

Spearman's correlation coefficients. Definition of abbreviation: TLS = tertiary lymphoid structures.

* Significance at the <0.05 level (2-tailed)

** Significance at the <0.01 level (2-tailed)

Table S10. Prognostic factors for endometrial cancer-specific survival in high-risk endometrial cancer

	Pathologic model			Molecular model			Molecular-immune model		
	HR	95% CI	p value	HR	95% CI	p value	HR	95% CI	p value
<i>Endometrial cancer-specific survival (n=376, 75 events)</i>									
Age	1.08	1.04-1.11	4.21x10 ⁻⁶	1.06	1.02-1.10	0.00099	1.06	1.03-1.10	0.00075
Adjuvant treatment									
RT	reference			reference			reference		
CTRT	0.68	0.43-1.08	0.11	0.68	0.43-1.07	0.10	0.83	0.54-1.28	0.13
Histograde									
EEC grade 1-2	reference			reference			reference		
EEC grade 3	2.09	1.11-3.92	0.022	1.65	0.82-3.31	0.16	1.95	0.97-3.92	0.061
non-EEC	2.39	1.32-4.35	0.0043	1.22	0.59-2.52	0.59	1.37	0.67-2.82	0.39
Stage (I-II vs. III)	1.79	1.10-2.93	0.020	1.73	1.06-2.80	0.027	1.81	1.11-2.94	0.017
LVSI	1.29	0.75-2.22	0.35	1.29	0.75-2.24	0.36	1.24	0.71-2.17	0.44
Molecular group									
NSMP				reference			reference		
POLEmut				no events			no events		
MMRd				1.41	0.70-2.84	0.34	1.65	0.82-3.31	0.16
p53abn				3.99	1.89-8.40	0.00027	3.52	1.69-7.34	0.00077
TLS							0.15	0.04-0.61	0.0085

Three Cox proportional hazards models show impact of respectively clinicopathological factors, clinicopathological + molecular factors, and clinicopathological + molecular factors + presence of tertiary lymphoid structures on endometrial cancer-specific survival. Covariates were pre-specified according to León-Castillo et al. (2020). The addition of the molecular classifier to the pathologic model was associated with an improvement in model fit evidenced by: (i) reduction in Akaike's information criterion (AIC) 828.372 vs. 797.269, (ii) increase in model concordance (C index 0.719 vs. 0.777 and (iii) likelihood ratio test for comparison of nested models $p = 4.38 \times 10^{-8}$. Likewise, the addition of TLS presence improved model fit: (i) AIC 797.269 vs. 786.669, (ii) C index 0.777 vs. 0.796 (iii) likelihood ratio test for nested models $p = 0.00039$. Definition of abbreviations: HR = hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval; RT = external beam radiotherapy; CTRT = chemoradiotherapy; EEC = endometrioid endometrial cancer; LVSI = lymphovascular space invasion; NSMP = no specific molecular profile; POLEmut = pathogenic polymerase epsilon mutation; MMRd = mismatch repair deficient; p53abn = p53 abnormal; TLS = tertiary lymphoid structure

Table S10. Sensitivity analysis: prognostic impact of immuno-biomarkers for recurrence of high-risk endometrial cancer

	TLS (none vs. ≥ 1)			Intraepithelial CD8 ⁺ density			Intrastromal CD20 ⁺ density		
	HR	95% CI	p value	HR	95% CI	p value	HR	95% CI	p value
<i>Recurrence (n=252, 75 events)*</i>									
Age	1.03	1.00-1.06	0.045	1.03	1.0-1.06	0.059	1.03	1.00-1.07	0.042
Adjuvant treatment									
RT	reference			reference			reference		
CTRT	0.54	0.34-0.86	0.010	0.52	0.33-0.99	0.0082	0.54	0.34-0.87	0.011
Histograde									
EEC grade 1-2	reference			reference			reference		
EEC grade 3	0.84	0.40-1.76	0.64	0.90	0.44-1.86	0.77	0.80	0.38-1.70	0.57
non-EEC	0.60	0.28-1.32	0.21	0.60	0.27-1.36	0.22	0.57	1.08-3.02	0.17
Stage (I-II vs. III)	1.82	1.09-3.04	0.022	1.79	1.07-3.00	0.027	1.81	1.08-3.02	0.023
LVSI	1.10	0.63-1.90	0.74	1.13	0.66-1.95	0.66	1.12	0.64-1.94	0.69
Molecular group									
NSMP	reference			reference			reference		
POLEmut	no events			no events			no events		
MMRd	1.32	0.72-2.40	0.37	1.50	0.80-2.82	0.21	1.25	0.68-2.29	0.48
p53abn	0.47	2.08-10.61	0.00020	5.60	2.42-12.96	5.90x10 ⁻⁵	5.06	2.21-11.57	0.00012
Immunological factor	0.39	0.16-0.99	0.048	0.89	0.80-0.99	0.029	0.98	0.91-1.07	0.69
C-index (se)		0.745 (0.026)			0.736 (0.027)			0.731 (0.027)	
AIC		747.391			747.731			752.272	

Three multivariable Cox proportional hazards models show impact of clinicopathological factors, molecular class and 3 immunological factors on time to recurrence. Covariates were pre-specified according to León-Castillo et al. (2020).

* Only cases with complete data on TLS, CD8 and CD20 were included for analysis.

Definition of abbreviations: HR = hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval; RT = external beam radiotherapy; CTRT = chemoradiotherapy; EEC = endometrioid endometrial cancer; LVSI = lymphovascular space invasion; NSMP = no specific molecular profile; *POLE*mut = pathogenic polymerase epsilon mutation; MMRd = mismatch repair deficient; p53abn = p53 abnormal; TLS = tertiary lymphoid structure

Table S11. Biomarker analysis performed and reported in this study

Analysis	Objective	Endpoint	Population	Methods	Reported
Prognostic impact TLS	Primary	TTR, CCS	PORTEC-3	KM analysis log rank test, MV regression using Cox proportional hazards models	Main text, Table 1, Figure 3B-C, Figure 4, Table S8
Relation TLS with molecular subgroups and CD8	Secondary	Incidence	PORTEC-3	Quantification of TLS on L1CAm stained whole slides, descriptive statistics, supervised hierarchical cluster analysis	Main text, Figure 3A, Tables S3-7
Prognostic impact CD8 and CD20	Sensitivity	TTR	PORTEC-3	MV regression using Cox proportional hazards models	Main text, Table S10
Prognostic impact TLS by molecular group	Exploratory	TTR	PORTEC-3	KM analysis, log rank test	Main text, Figure 3D-E