

Table 1 Patient characteristics

Characteristics	
Number of patients	36
median age (range)	60.5 (34-76)
sex	
male	23 (63.89%)
female	13 (36.11%)
T stage	
T2	4 (11.11%)
T3	22 (61.11%)
T4	10 (27.78%)
N stage	
N-	11 (30.56%)
N+	25 (69.44%)
CEA (ng/mL)	
≤4.0	17 (47.22%)
>4.0	19 (52.78%)

Abbreviations: N=lymph node; N+=lymph node positive; N-=lymph node negative; CEA= carcino-embryonic antigen.