

**Table 2 Univariate and Multivariate analysis for variables associated with DFS**

clinical factors	univariate analysis			multivariable analysis		
	HR	95% CI	p	HR	95% CI	p
age (<60.5 vs >60.5)	2.572	0.247-2.658	0.729			
sex (female vs male)	0.608	0.160-2.307	0.465			
N status (N+ vs N-)	5.911	0.755-46.298	0.091	700	0.728-44.623	0.097
CEA (>4.0 vs ≤4.0)	1.995	0.582-6.838	0.272			
pre-S TLCs (low vs high)	3.052	0.809-11.517	0.100			
pre-RT TLCs (low vs high)	2.051	0.598-7.033	0.253			
severe lymphopenia (y vs n)	9.103	1.160-71.423	0.036	904	1.132-70.001	0.038

Abbreviations: HR=hazard ratio; CI=confidence interval; N=lymph node; N+=lymph node positive; N-=lymph node negative; CEA= carcino-embryonic antigen; pre-S TLCs= total lymphocyte counts before surgery; pre-RT TLCs= total lymphocyte counts before concurrent chemoradiotherapy; y=yes; n=no.