

**Table 2:** Laboratory thyroid parameters and their correlation with the overall survival

	TSH				T3				T4				fT3				fT4			
	n	median (SD)	p	HR	n	median (SD)	p	HR	n	median (SD)	p	HR	n	median (SD)	p	HR	n	median (SD)	p	HR
<b>Overall cohort</b>	209	1.24 (1.22)	0.642	0.970	60	1.08 (0.27)	0.252	0.493	89	82.0 (16.93)	0.647	1.003	38	3.04 (0.76)	0.917	0.975	80	1.31 (0.31)	0.631	0.887
<b>Stage I</b>	35	1.14 (0.78)	0.299	1.367	6	1.00 (0.16)	0.321	n.m.	11	78.0 (16.54)	0.569	0.983	5	2.9 (1.45)	0.766	0.269	15	1.22 (0.24)	0.860	0.742
<b>Stage II</b>	55	1.32 (1.42)	0.588	0.924	19	1.02 (0.36)	0.203	0.360	30	82.0 (17.84)	0.970	1.000	10	3.07 (0.26)	0.564	n.m.	16	1.23 (0.27)	0.157	n.m.
<b>Stage III</b>	117	1.30 (1.24)	0.396	0.936	35	1.10 (0.24)	0.243	0.288	47	83.0 (16.03)	0.915	0.999	23	3.03 (0.66)	0.956	0.977	49	1.38 (0.53)	0.407	0.781

n.m.= not measurable

The normal ranges of parameters are: TSH 0.44 - 3.77  $\mu$ U/ml, T3 0.8-1.8 ng/ml, T4 58-124 ng/ml, fT4 0.76 - 1.66 ng/dl and fT3 2.15 - 4.12 pg/ml.