

Table S1: Factors independently associated with positive lymph nodes on uni and multivariable logistic regression analysis.

	Univariable analysis		Multivariable analysis	
	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> value <sup>\$</sup>	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> value <sup>#</sup>
Age at surgery	0.98 (0.96 – 1.00)	<b>0.102</b>	0.98 (0.96 – 1.01)	0.108
Tumor size >2.5cm	1.62 (0.92 – 2.85)	<b>0.097</b>	1.56 (0.88 – 2.76)	0.129
ECOG performance status				
ECOG 0	Reference			
ECOG 1	1.20 (0.68 – 2.13)	0.528		
ECOG 2	0.85 (0.28 – 2.56)	0.774		
ECOG 3	0.68 (0.07 – 6.72)	0.742		
Tumor differentiation				
Well differentiated (G1)	0.62 (0.29 – 1.33)	0.221		
Moderately differentiated (G2)	Reference			
Poorly differentiated (G3)	0.72 (0.38 – 1.36)	0.311		