

**Table W1.** Relationship between Expression of *Bcl-2* and *Bax* mRNAs and Sex, Age, and T and N Stages.

	Bcl-2/Bax	Bcl-2	Bax
	<i>P</i> value		
Male <i>versus</i> female	.185	.350	.985
Age	.866	.744	.806
T1 + T2 <i>versus</i> T3 + T4	.233	.774	.869
N(-) <i>versus</i> N(+)	.324	.609	.130

The relationships of *Bcl-2/Bax*, *Bcl-2*, and *Bax* with sex and TN classification were performed using Student's two-tailed *t* test.

Correlations between *Bcl-2/Bax*, *Bcl-2*, and *Bax* and age were examined by Spearman's rank correlation coefficient and regression calculation.