

Metastatic lymph node ratio demonstrates better prognostic stratification than pN staging in patients with esophageal squamous cell carcinoma after esophagectomy

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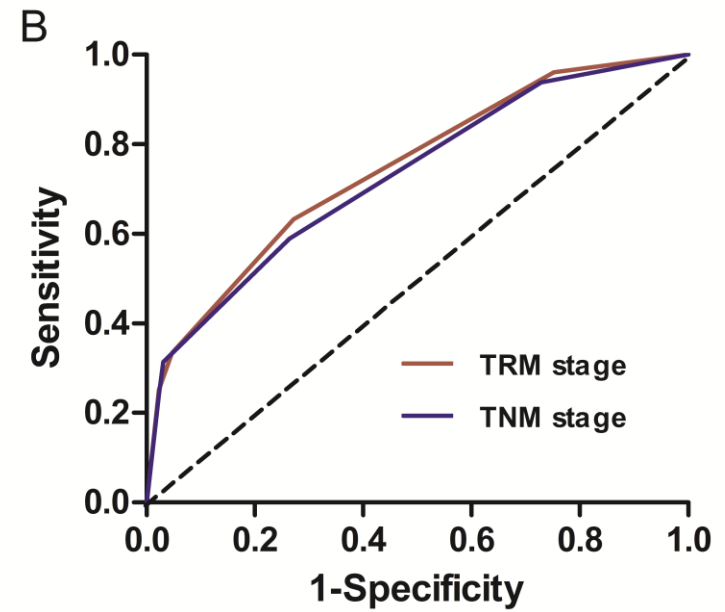
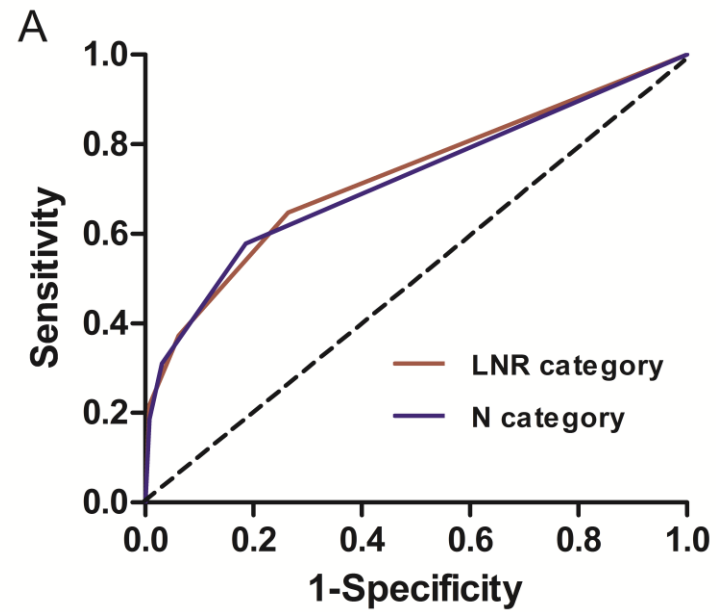
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Supplementary information

Supplementary Table S1. Overall survival rates on the basis of N category according to the LNR category. No.: number; N: node; LNR: lymph node ratio; 5-YSR: 5-year survival rate; MST: median survival time.

Variables	LNR0			LNR1			LNR2			LNR3			<i>x</i> ²	<i>P</i> value
	No.	5-YSR	MST (month)	No.	5-YSR	MST (month)	No.	5-YSR	MST (month)	No.	5-YSR	MST (month)		
N category														
N0	223	42.5%	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N1	-	-	-	82	21.9%	26.0	12	34.1%	20.0	5	0	4.9	30.646	0.000
N2	-	-	-	11	10.9%	32.6	17	6.3%	15.1	7	0	9.0	8.028	0.018
N3	-	-	-	2	50.0%	16.0	9	11.1%	13.0	19	0	5.9	8.321	0.016
<i>x</i> ²		-			0.568			2.423			1.697			
<i>P</i> value		-			0.753			0.298			0.428			



Supplementary Figure S1. Time-dependent ROC curves for 5-year overall survival prediction of ESCC patients after radical esophagectomy. (A) between N category and LNR category, (B) between TNM stage and TRM stage.