

Supplementary table 3: Cox proportional hazards regression, OS, for investigated variables

| OS Factor | Level | Unadjusted | | | | Adjusted | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|-----|------|--------|----------|-----|------|--------|
| | | HR | CI- | CI+ | P | HR | CI- | CI+ | P |
| Side | Right | (Ref) | | | | (Ref) | | | |
| | Left | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.049 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.024 |
| pT | pT1-2 | (Ref) | | | <0.001 | (Ref) | | | <0.001 |
| | pT3 | | | | | | | | |
| pT3 | a | 0.9 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 0.763 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 0.570 |
| | b | 1.1 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 0.709 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 0.887 |
| | c | 1.1 | 0.6 | 2.0 | 0.864 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 0.512 |
| | d | 2.3 | 1.2 | 4.4 | 0.015 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 0.401 |
| pT4 | a | 2.9 | 1.6 | 5.4 | 0.001 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 5.1 | 0.017 |
| | b | 2.9 | 1.4 | 6.0 | 0.004 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 4.5 | 0.085 |
| pN | 0 | (Ref) | | | <0.001 | (Ref) | | | <0.001 |
| | 1a | 1.8 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 0.017 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 3.8 | 0.007 |
| | 1b | 1.6 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 0.058 | 2.6 | 1.5 | 4.7 | 0.001 |
| | 1c | 1.0 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 0.964 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 4.2 | 0.590 |
| | 2a | 1.7 | 0.9 | 3.1 | 0.077 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 6.0 | 0.002 |
| | 2b | 3.5 | 2.1 | 5.9 | <0.001 | 6.5 | 3.4 | 12.5 | <0.001 |
| | 0-1 | 8.6 | 3.8 | 19.6 | <0.001 | 6.3 | 1.5 | 26.2 | 0.011 |
| CEA | ng/ml | | | | | | | | |
| Preoperative | <5 | (Ref) | | | | (Ref) | | | |
| | >5 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 0.020 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.9 | 0.417 |
| Postoperative | <5 | (Ref) | | | | (Ref) | | | |
| | >5 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 4.7 | 0.006 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 4.9 | 0.033 |
| CRP | mg/l | | | | | | | | |
| Preoperative | <10 | (Ref) | | | | (Ref) | | | |
| | >10 | 1.6 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 0.019 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.3 | 0.357 |
| Postoperative | <10 | (Ref) | | | | (Ref) | | | |
| | >10 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 4.5 | <0.001 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 3.6 | 0.004 |
| TD | No | (Ref) | | | | (Ref) | | | |
| | Yes | 1.5 | 0.9 | 2.3 | 0.086 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 0.375 |

Subtitle supplementary table 3: Variables tested one by one (unadjusted) or with the baseline model (Adjusted)

LNR: Lymph node ratio (positive nodes by found nodes)

HR: Hazard ratio, CI: 95% Confidence interval, with lower and upper bounds reported.