

Table S1. Patient characteristics according to second-line chemotherapy regimen.

	Platinum doublet	Other multi-drug chemotherapy	Monotherapy	p
	(n = 110)	(n = 26)	(n = 55)	
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	
Age median (range)	58.5 (16–79)	61.5 (22–78)	62 (13–83)	0.844
Sex				0.541
Male	77 (70.0)	21 (80.8)	39 (70.9)	
Female	33 (30.0)	5 (19.2)	16 (29.1)	
ECOG PS				0.360
0-1	100 (90.9)	24 (92.3)	49 (89.1)	
2-3	7 (6.4)	2 (7.7)	5 (9.1)	
Unknown	3 (2.7)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.8)	
Smoking status				0.130
Never	35 (31.8)	7 (26.9)	22 (40.0)	
Former/current	75 (68.2)	19 (73.1)	31 (56.4)	
Unknown	0 (0.0)	0 (1.0)	2 (3.6)	
Histology				0.376
SQC	80 (72.7)	18 (69.2)	37 (67.3)	
NEC	9 (8.2)	5 (19.2)	9 (16.4)	
Other	21 (19.1)	3 (11.5)	9 (16.4)	
Masaoka-Koga staging				0.562
Stage III	4 (3.6)	0 (0.0)	2 (3.6)	



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	Stage IVa	33 (30.0)	6 (23.1)	15 (27.3)	
	Stage IVb	50 (45.5)	17 (65.4)	28 (50.9)	
	Postoperative recurrence	23 (20.9)	3 (11.5)	10 (18.2)	
WHO	O TNM staging				0.403
	Stage III	2 (1.8)	0 (0.0)	3 (5.5)	
	Stage IV	85 (77.3)	23 (88.5)	42 (76.4)	
	Postoperative recurrence	23 (20.9)	3 (11.5)	10 (18.2)	
First	-line chemotherapy regimen				0.001
	Platinum doublet	56 (50.9)	18 (69.2)	40 (72.7)	
	Other multi-drug chemotherapy	53 (48.2)	8 (30.8)	11 (20.0)	
	Monotherapy	1 (0.9)	0 (0.0)	4 (7.3)	

Abbreviations: ECOG; Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, PS; performance status, SQC; squamous cell carcinoma, NEC; neuroendocrine carcinoma, WHO; World Health Organization



Table S2. Relationship between first-line and second-line chemotherapy

First-line	n	RR (%)	Interval (range; months)*	Second-line	n	RR (%)
CBDCA+PTX	47	35.9	2.9 (0.2 - 35.5)	All	47	11.9
	8	42.6		CBDCA+PTX	8	28.6
	8	25.0		DTX	8	0
	6	40.0		ADOC	6	0
	6	60.0		S-1	6	16.7
	5	20.0		AMR	5	0
	2	50.0		CDDP+VP-16	2	50.0
	1	0		CDDP+CPT-11	1	0
	7	25.0		Other platinum doublet	7	16.7
	1	0		Other multi-drug	1	0
	3	33.3		Other monotherapy	3	33.3
CDDP+VP-16	16	56.3	2.5 (0.9 - 25.4)	All	16	21.4
	6	33.3		ADOC	6	33.3
	3	66.7		CBDCA+PTX	3	33.3
	2	100		CDDP+VP-16	2	0
	1	0		AMR	1	100
	3	100		Other platinum doublet	3	33.3
	1	0		Other monotherapy	1	0
CBDCA+VP-16	12	27.3	5.4 (1.1 - 13.1)	All	12	30.0
	4	50.0		CBDCA+PTX	4	50.0



	1	0		ADOC	1	0
	1	0		AMR	1	0
	1	0		DTX	1	0
	4	33.3		Other platinum doublet	4	33.3
	1	0		Other multi-drug	1	0
CDDP+CPT-11	12	81.8	4.7 (1.0 - 18.9)	All	12	20.0
	5	75.0		CBDCA+PTX	5	0
	2	100		AMR	2	0
	2	50.0		DTX	2	0
	2	100		S-1	2	100
	1	100		Other platinum doublet	1	0
Other platinum doublet	27	18.5	2.2 (0.5 - 23.2)	All	27	11.5
	7	0		CBDCA+PTX	7	33.3
	6	33.3		S-1	6	33.3
	2	0		ADOC	2	0
	9	22.2		Other platinum doublet	9	11.1
	1	0		Other multi-drug	1	0
	2	50.0		Other monotherapy	2	0
ADOC	56	40.0	4.2 (0.8 - 101.7)	All	56	28.6
	29	35.7		CBDCA+PTX	29	24.0
	4	50.0		CDDP+CPT-11	4	50.0
	3	66.7		S-1	3	66.7
	2	100		ADOC	2	50.0



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	1	100		CDDP+VP-16	1	100
	1	0		DTX	1	0
	10	30.0		Other platinum doublet	10	22.2
	1	100		Other multi-drug	1	0
	4	20.0		Other monotherapy	5	40.0
Other multi-drug	16	40.0	7.5 (0.7 - 33.0)	All	16	7.1
	3	0		CBDCA+PTX	3	0
	2	50.0		CDDP+VP-16	2	50.0
	1	0		CDDP+CPT-11	1	0
	1	100		S-1	1	0
	3	66.7	Other platinum doublet		3	0
	5	20.0		Other multi-drug	5	0
	1	100		Other monotherapy	1	0
Monotherapy	5	40.0	4.0 (0.4 - 15.7)	All	5	20.0
	1	0		CBDCA+PTX	1	0
	1	0		DTX	1	0
	3	66.7		Other monotherapy	3	33.3

Abbreviations: RR: response rate, CBDCA: carboplatin, PTX: paclitaxel, S-1: tegafur/gimeracil/oteracil, ADOC: adriamycin/cisplatin/vincristine/cyclophosphamide, DTX: docetaxel, AMR: amrubicin, CDDP: cisplatin, VP-16: etopocide, CPT-11: irinotecan

Table S3. WHO TNM classification

<sup>\*</sup>The period between the finish date of first line chemotherapy and the start date of second line chemotherapy



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TX	Primary tumor cannot be assessed						
ТО	No evidenve of primary tumor	No evidenve of primary tumor					
T1	Tumor completely encapsulated						
T2	Tumor invades pericapsular connective tissue						
T3	Tumor invades into neighboring structures, such as pericardium, mediastinal pleu	ra,					
	thoracic wall, great vessels and lung						
T4	Tumor with pleural or pericardial dissemination						
N-regional ly	ymph nodes						
NX	Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed						
N0	No regional lymph node metastasis						
N1	Metastasis in anterior mediastinal lymph nodes	Metastasis in anterior mediastinal lymph nodes					
N2	Metastasis in other intrathoracic lymph nodes excluding anterior mediastinal lymph						
	nodes						
N3	Metastasis in scalene and/or supraclavicular lymph nodes						
M-distant m	netastasis						
MX	Distant metastasis cannot be assessed						
M0	No distant metastasis						
M1	Distant metastasis						
Stage group	ing						
Stage I	T1 N0 M0						
Stage II	T2 N0 M0						



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	Any T	Any N	M1
	Any T	N2,3	M0
Stage IV	T4	Any N	M0
	T3	N0,1	M0
	T2	N1	M0
Stage III	T1	N1	M0

Abbreviations: WHO: World Health Organization



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Table S4. Univariate and multivariate analyses for overall survival

Variants	Cut-off		mOS [95%CI]	Univariate		Multivariate		
variants	Cut-on	n	11103 [95%CI]	HR [95%CI]	р	HR [95%CI]	р	
Age (years)	<75	170	21.7 [16.1-25.7]	1				
	≥75	21	28.4 [17.5-41.8]	0.946 [0.518-1.594]	0.845			
Sex	Female	54	15.0 [7.7-28.4]	1		1		
	Male	137	24.1 [18.5-29.5]	0.674 [0.467-0.991]	0.045	0.691 [0.466-1.046]	0.080	
ECOG PS	2–3	28	7.7 [4.2-12.7]	1		1		
	0-1	148	25.7 [21.7-29.6]	0.342 [0.215-0.569]	<0.001	0.359 [0.225-0.599]	<0.001	
Histology	Other	33	17.9 [10.1-25.5]	1				
	SQC	135	24.1 [18.5-30.2]	0.629 [0.399-1.034]	0.067			
	NEC	23	13.7 [7.0-40.4]	0.857 [0.451-1.608]	0.631			
Masaoka stage	IVb	95	16.8 [12.5-22.5]	1		1		
	IVa	54	26.6 [16.9-41.4]	0.562 [0.367-0.847]	0.006	0.605 [0.386-0.932]	0.022	
	Postoperative recurrence/III	42	31.8 [15.8-40.4]	0.681 [0.430-1.051]	0.083	0.653 [0.401-1.034]	0.069	
WHO TNM stage	IV	150	21.4 [16.1-25.5]	1				
	Postoperative recurrence/III	41	31.8 [18.5-41.5]	0.847 [0.538-1.284]	0.443			
First-line chemotherapy regimen	Other multi-drug regimen	72	22.4 [14.1-28.4]	1				
	Monotherapy	5	42.7 [12.3-70.4]	0.724 [0.219-1.776]	0.516			
	Platinum doublet	114	21.7 [16.9-29.2]	0.970 [0.679-1.394]	0.867			

Abbreviations: mOS; median overall survival, HR; Hazard rate, 95%Cl; 95% confidence interval, ECOG; Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, PS; performance status, WHO; World Health Organization, NEC; neuroendcrine carcinoma, SQC; squamous cell carcinoma