

Supplementary**Table S1** Lymph node dissection status of the patients

| Characteristics | Total (n=37) |
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| Total number of lymph nodes, median [IQR] | 11 [7–15] |
| Total number of lymph node stations, median [IQR] | 6 [5–6] |
| Nodal upstaging, n (%) | 3 (8.1) |
| Upstaging status, n (%) | |
| cN0 to pN1 | 1 (2.7) |
| cN0 to pN2 | 1 (2.7) |
| cN1 to pN2 | 1 (2.7) |

IQR, interquartile range; cN, clinical lymph node stage; pN, pathological lymph node stage.