

## Supplementary

**Table S1** Characteristics of the pulmonary neoplasms of the patients in the control group, expressed both in absolute number (N) and in relative frequency (%)

Variables	Subgroups	N	%
Location	Right lung	107	52.2
	Left lung	98	47.8
Induction therapy	Chemotherapy	15	7.3
	Radiotherapy	1	0.5
Surgical approach	Thoracotomy	78	38.0
	VATS	99	48.3
	VATS converted to thoracotomy	28	13.7
Type of resection	Lobectomy	179	87.3
	Pneumonectomy	23	11.2
	Segmentectomy	3	1.5
Histology	Adenocarcinoma	68	33.2
	Epidermoid	113	55.1
	Carcinoid	2	1.0
	Neuroendocrine	17	8.3
	Large cells	4	2
	Unknown	1	0.5
Stage	Unknown	2	1.0
	IA	46	22.4
	IB	49	23.9
	IIA	26	12.7
	IIB	46	22.4
	IIIB	1	0.5
	IV	3	1.5
	Unknown	2	1.0
Adjuvant therapy	Chemotherapy	63	30.7
	Radiotherapy	11	5.4
Recurrence		61	29.8

VATS, video-assisted thoracic surgery.