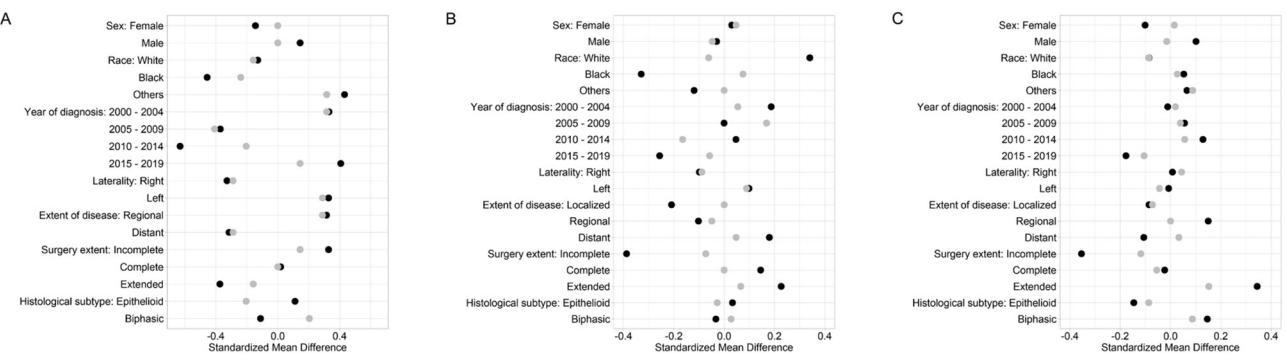
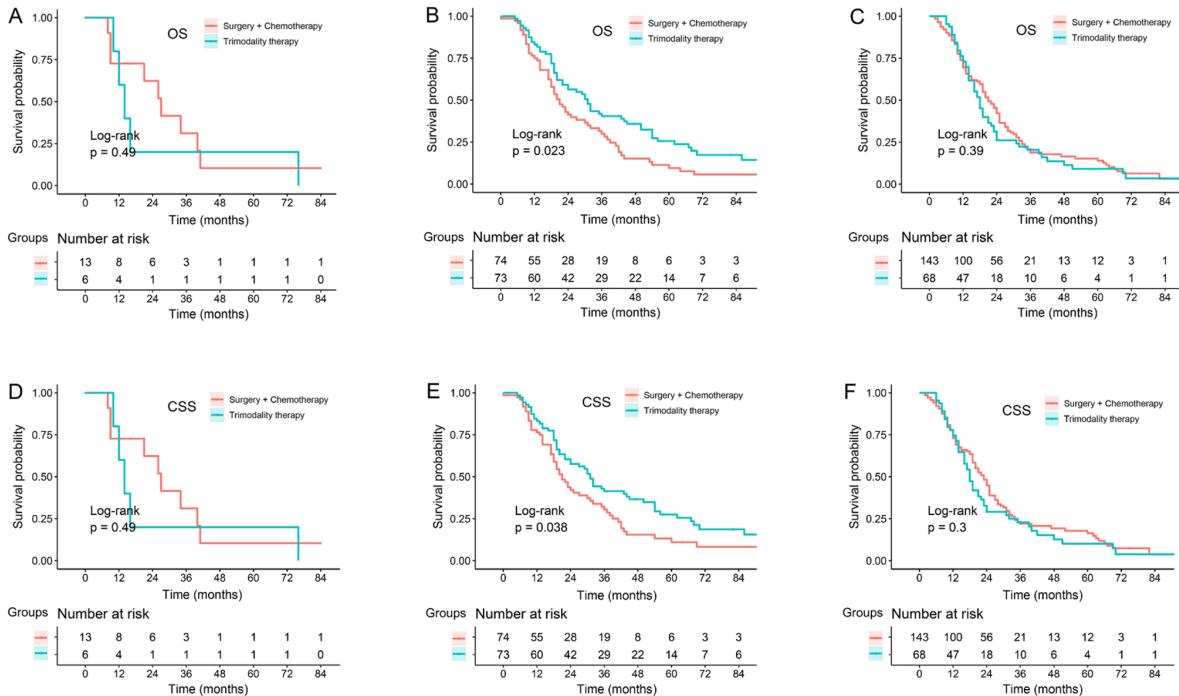


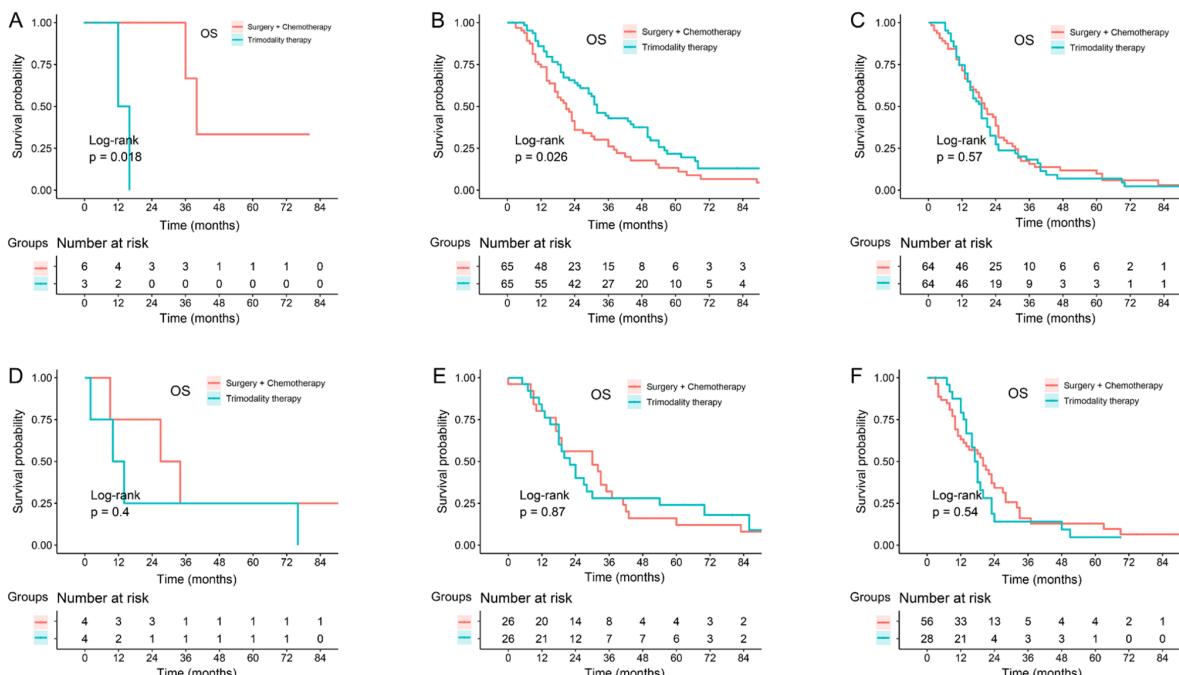
**Figure S1** Comprehensive results of subgroup analysis of clinicopathological factors.



**Figure S2** Standardized mean difference (SMD) of patients before and after match. The black dot indicated the SMD before match, and the grey dot indicated the SMD after match. (A) <50 years group; (B) 50 to <65 years group; (C) ≥65 years group.



**Figure S3** Survival comparison of pleural mesothelioma patients undergoing surgery + chemotherapy versus trimodality therapy, matched and excluding biphasic patients, across different age groups. (A, D) <50 years group; (B, E) 50 to <65 years group; (C,F) ≥65 years group. OS: overall survival; CSS: cancer-specific survival.



**Figure S4** Survival comparison of pleural mesothelioma patients, stratified by extent of surgery and age, who received surgery + chemotherapy vs. trimodality therapy after match.

**Table S1** Baseline characteristics of patients after propensity matching stratified by age

Characteristics	< 50 years			[50, 65) years			≥ 65 years		
	Surgery + chemotherapy	Trimodality therapy	P value	Surgery + chemotherapy	Trimodality therapy	P value	Surgery + chemotherapy	Trimodality therapy	P value
Sex				>0.99			0.87		
Female	6 (42.9)	3 (42.9)		27 (29.7)	29 (31.9)		27 (14.7)	14 (15.2)	
Male	8 (57.1)	4 (57.1)		64 (70.3)	62 (68.1)		157 (85.3)	78 (84.8)	
Race				0.60			0.84		
White	11 (78.6)	5 (71.4)		89 (97.8)	88 (96.7)		169 (91.8)	82 (89.1)	
Black	1 (7.1)	0 (0.0)		1 (1.1)	2 (2.2)		7 (3.8)	4 (4.3)	
Others <sup>†</sup>	2 (14.3)	2 (28.6)		1 (1.1)	1 (1.1)		8 (4.3)	6 (6.5)	
Year of diagnosis				0.78			0.57		
2000-2004	2 (14.3)	2 (28.6)		17 (18.7)	19 (20.9)		15 (8.2)	8 (8.7)	
2005-2009	4 (28.6)	1 (14.3)		20 (22.0)	27 (29.7)		39 (21.2)	21 (22.8)	
2010-2014	3 (21.4)	1 (14.3)		36 (39.6)	29 (31.9)		63 (34.2)	34 (37.0)	
2015-2019	5 (35.7)	3 (42.9)		18 (19.8)	16 (17.6)		67 (36.4)	29 (31.5)	
Laterality				0.88			0.65		
Right	8 (57.1)	3 (42.9)		55 (60.4)	51 (56.0)		100 (54.3)	52 (56.5)	
Left	6 (42.9)	4 (57.1)		36 (39.6)	40 (44.0)		84 (45.7)	40 (43.5)	
Extent of disease				0.87			0.95		
Localized	-	-		3 (3.3)	3 (3.3)		13 (7.1)	5 (5.4)	
Regional	4 (28.6)	3 (42.9)		27 (29.7)	25 (27.5)		66 (35.9)	33 (35.9)	
Distant	10 (71.4)	4 (57.1)		61 (67.0)	63 (69.2)		105 (57.1)	54 (58.7)	
Surgery extent <sup>‡</sup>				0.94			0.87		
Incomplete	7 (50.0)	4 (57.1)		29 (31.9)	26 (28.6)		66 (35.9)	28 (30.4)	
Complete	2 (14.3)	1 (14.3)		22 (24.2)	22 (24.2)		40 (21.7)	18 (19.6)	
Extended	5 (35.7)	2 (28.6)		40 (44.0)	43 (47.3)		78 (42.4)	46 (50.0)	
Histological subtype				>0.99			>0.99		
Epithelioid	13 (92.9)	6 (85.7)		74 (81.3)	73 (80.2)		143 (77.7)	68 (73.9)	
Biphasic	1 (7.1)	1 (14.3)		17 (18.7)	18 (19.8)		41 (22.3)	24 (26.1)	

Values are numbers (percentages), and percentages may not total 100 because of rounding. <sup>†</sup>, others include American Indian/AK Native, Asian/Pacific Islander. <sup>‡</sup>, incomplete surgeries are simple/partial surgical removal of primary site and surgery stated to be “debulking”; complete surgery is total surgical removal of primary site; extended surgery is radical surgery and partial or total removal of the primary site with a resection in continuity with other organs.

**Table S2** Baseline characteristics of patients received complete surgeries after propensity matching stratified by age

Characteristics	< 50 years			[50, 65) years			≥ 65 years		
	Surgery + chemotherapy	Trimodality therapy	P value	Surgery + chemotherapy	Trimodality therapy	P value	Surgery + chemotherapy	Trimodality therapy	P value
Sex				>0.99			>0.99		
Female	2 (33.3)	1 (33.3)		22 (33.8)	21 (32.3)		6 (9.4)	11 (17.2)	
Male	4 (66.7)	2 (66.7)		43 (66.2)	44 (67.7)		58 (90.6)	53 (82.8)	
Race				>0.99			0.21		
White	5 (83.3)	2 (66.7)		60 (92.3)	64 (98.5)		58 (90.6)	57 (89.1)	
Black	-	-		5 (7.7)	1 (1.5)		1 (1.6)	1 (1.6)	
Others <sup>†</sup>	1 (16.7)	1 (33.3)		-	-		5 (7.8)	6 (9.4)	
Year of diagnosis				0.74			0.43		
2000-2004	-	-		8 (12.3)	12 (18.5)		6 (9.4)	7 (10.9)	
2005-2009	1 (16.7)	0 (0.0)		19 (29.2)	24 (36.9)		21 (32.8)	20 (31.2)	
2010-2014	2 (33.3)	1 (33.3)		23 (35.4)	16 (24.6)		18 (28.1)	18 (28.1)	
2015-2019	3 (50.0)	2 (66.7)		15 (23.1)	13 (20.0)		19 (29.7)	19 (29.7)	
Laterality				>0.99			0.48		
Right	3 (50.0)	2 (66.7)		41 (63.1)	36 (55.4)		28 (43.8)	34 (53.1)	
Left	3 (50.0)	1 (33.3)		24 (36.9)	29 (44.6)		36 (56.2)	30 (46.9)	
Extent of disease				>0.99			0.82		
Localized	-	-		3 (4.6)	2 (3.1)		-	-	
Regional	3 (50.0)	1 (33.3)		21 (32.3)	19 (29.2)		22 (34.4)	24 (37.5)	
Distant	3 (50.0)	2 (66.7)		41 (63.1)	44 (67.7)		42 (65.6)	40 (62.5)	
Surgery extent <sup>‡</sup>				>0.99			>0.99		
Complete	1 (16.7)	1 (33.3)		22 (33.8)	22 (33.8)		21 (32.8)	18 (28.1)	
Extended	5 (83.3)	2 (66.7)		43 (66.2)	43 (66.2)		43 (67.2)	46 (71.9)	
Histological subtype				>0.99			>0.99		
Epithelioid	5 (83.3)	3 (100.0)		52 (80.0)	51 (78.5)		47 (73.4)	45 (70.3)	
Biphasic	1 (16.7)	0 (0.0)		13 (20.0)	14 (21.5)		17 (26.6)	19 (29.7)	

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**Table S3** Baseline characteristics of patients received incomplete surgeries after propensity matching stratified by age

Characteristics	< 50 years			[50, 65) years			≥ 65 years		
	Surgery + chemotherapy	Trimodality therapy	P value	Surgery + chemotherapy	Trimodality therapy	P value	Surgery + chemotherapy	Trimodality therapy	P value
Sex				>0.99			>0.99		
Female	3 (75.0)	2 (50.0)		7 (26.9)	8 (30.8)		6 (10.7)	3 (10.7)	
Male	1 (25.0)	2 (50.0)		19 (73.1)	18 (69.2)		50 (89.3)	25 (89.3)	
Race				0.55			0.35		
White	2 (50.0)	3 (75.0)		26 (100.0)	24 (92.3)		52 (92.9)	25 (89.3)	
Black	1 (25.0)	0 (0.0)		0 (0.0)	1 (3.8)		4 (7.1)	3 (10.7)	
Others <sup>†</sup>	1 (25.0)	1 (25.0)		0 (0.0)	1 (3.8)		-	-	
Year of diagnosis				0.72			0.97		
2000-2004	1 (25.0)	2 (50.0)		7 (26.9)	7 (26.9)		2 (3.6)	1 (3.6)	
2005-2009	1 (25.0)	1 (25.0)		3 (11.5)	3 (11.5)		2 (3.6)	1 (3.6)	
2010-2014	1 (25.0)	0 (0.0)		14 (53.8)	13 (50.0)		30 (53.6)	16 (57.1)	
2015-2019	1 (25.0)	1 (25.0)		2 (7.7)	3 (11.5)		22 (39.3)	10 (35.7)	
Laterality				0.48			>0.99		
Right	3 (75.0)	1 (25.0)		14 (53.8)	15 (57.7)		36 (64.3)	18 (64.3)	
Left	1 (25.0)	3 (75.0)		12 (46.2)	11 (42.3)		20 (35.7)	10 (35.7)	
Extent of disease				>0.99			0.58		
Localized	-	-		0 (0.0)	1 (3.8)		9 (16.1)	5 (17.9)	
Regional	1 (25.0)	2 (50.0)		7 (26.9)	6 (23.1)		17 (30.4)	9 (32.1)	
Distant	3 (75.0)	2 (50.0)		19 (73.1)	19 (73.1)		30 (53.6)	14 (50.0)	
Surgery extent <sup>‡</sup>				NA			NA		
Incomplete	4 (100.0)	4 (100.0)		26 (100.0)	26 (100.0)		56 (100.0)	28 (100.0)	
Histological subtype				>0.99			>0.99		
Epithelioid	3 (75.0)	3 (75.0)		23 (88.5)	22 (84.6)		49 (87.5)	23 (82.1)	
Biphasic	1 (25.0)	1 (25.0)		3 (11.5)	4 (15.4)		7 (12.5)	5 (17.9)	

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