



Figure S1 Box-plot and violin plot for the number of ELNs at each station. ELNs, examined lymph nodes.

Table S1 The examination of each station

Station	Sum	Average	SD	No. of cases with ELNs	Percentage of cases with ELNs (%)
1	285	0.1	0.66	98	3.26
2	3,816	1.3	2.36	1,056	35.18
3	1,043	0.3	1.17	387	12.89
4	7,431	2.5	3.42	1,689	56.26
5	2,465	0.8	1.60	954	31.78
6	1,097	0.4	1.17	416	13.86
7	11,274	3.8	3.51	2,516	83.81
8	627	0.2	0.75	334	11.13
9	2,583	0.9	1.31	1,313	43.74
10	6,835	2.3	2.47	2,087	69.52
11	5,485	1.8	2.15	1,919	63.92
12	4,567	1.5	2.25	1,461	48.67
13	3,222	1.1	2.11	993	33.08
14	119	0.0	0.29	71	2.37

SD, standard deviation; ELNs, examined lymph nodes.