

Supplementary Table 1. Clinicopathological features according to pre- and post-nCRT mLPLN

Variable	Pre-nCRT mLPLN			Post-nCRT mLPLN		
	No	Yes	P-value	No	Yes	P-value
No. of patients	1,218	317		1,271	264	
Sex			0.694			0.265
Male	808 (66.3)	214 (67.5)		854 (67.2)	168 (63.6)	
Female	410 (33.7)	103 (32.5)		417 (32.8)	96 (36.4)	
Age (yr)			0.106			0.128
<59	572 (47.0)	165 (52.1)		599 (47.1)	138 (52.3)	
≥59	646 (53.0)	152 (47.9)		672 (52.9)	126 (47.7)	
Sphincter-saving resection			<0.001			<0.001
No	214 (17.6)	94 (29.7)		229 (18.0)	79 (29.9)	
Yes	1,004 (82.4)	223 (70.3)		1,042 (82.0)	185 (70.1)	
Initial clinical T stage			0.188			0.291
cT0–2	50 (4.1)	8 (2.5)		51 (4.0)	7 (2.7)	
cT3, 4	1,168 (95.9)	309 (97.5)		1,220 (96.0)	257 (97.3)	
Initial clinical N stage			<0.001			<0.001
cN0	113 (9.3)	0 (0.0)		112 (8.8)	0 (0.0)	
cN+	1,105 (90.7)	317 (100)		1,159 (91.2)	264 (100)	
ypT stage			<0.001			<0.001
ypT0–2	656 (53.9)	135 (42.6)		685 (53.9)	106 (40.2)	
ypT3, 4	562 (46.1)	182 (57.4)		586 (46.1)	158 (59.8)	
ypN stage			0.003			<0.001
ypN0	887 (72.8)	204 (64.4)		934 (73.5)	157 (59.5)	
ypN+	331 (27.2)	113 (35.6)		337 (26.5)	107 (40.5)	
LVi			0.022			0.010
No	1,069 (87.8)	266 (84.0)		1,113 (87.6)	222 (84.1)	
Yes	124 (10.2)	48 (15.1)		131 (10.3)	41 (15.5)	
Indeterminate	25 (2.0)	3 (0.9)		27 (2.1)	1 (0.4)	
PNi			0.006			0.007
No	1,027 (84.4)	249 (78.5)		1,065 (83.8)	211 (79.9)	
Yes	163 (13.4)	64 (20.2)		175 (13.8)	52 (19.7)	
Indeterminate	28 (2.3)	4 (1.3)		31 (2.4)	1 (0.4)	
Pathologic TRG						0.177
Complete and near complete	-	-	-	524 (41.2)	97 (36.7)	
Partial and poor and no	-	-	-	747 (58.8)	167 (63.3)	

nCRT, neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy; mLPLN, lateral pelvic lymph node metastasis; LVi, lymphovascular invasion; PNi, perineural invasion; TRG, tumor regression grade.