

Table S1. Clinical and demographic characteristics by recruitment center.

Variable	Departments		Statistic	p-value <sup>2</sup>
	DPT#1, N = 218 <sup>1</sup>	DPT#2, N = 102 <sup>1</sup>		
<b>Age</b>	71 (45, 92)	73 (43, 91)	9,930	0.12
<b>Gender</b>			0.97	0.3
<i>Female</i>	65 (30%)	36 (35%)		
<i>Male</i>	153 (70%)	66 (65%)		
<b>Dead</b>	131 (60%)	66 (65%)	0.63	0.4
<b>Smoking status</b>			0.02	0.9
<i>Non smokers</i>	113 (52%)	52 (51%)		
<i>Smokers</i>	105 (48%)	50 (49%)		
<b>Disease stage</b>			0.37	0.5
<i>Advanced Disease</i>	129 (59%)	64 (63%)		
<i>Early Stage</i>	89 (41%)	38 (37%)		
<b>Histology</b>			1.1	0.3
<i>ADC</i>	166 (76%)	72 (71%)		
<i>SCC</i>	52 (24%)	30 (29%)		

<sup>1</sup> Median (Range); n (%)

<sup>2</sup> Wilcoxon rank sum test; Pearson's Chi-squared test