

Supplementary Table 1B. Comparison of baseline characteristics between participants and non-participants **3 years** after oesophageal cancer surgery.

		Participants Number (%)	Non-participants Number (%)	p-value¹
Total		172	32	
Education level	≤9 years	78 (45)	11 (34)	0.43
	≥10 years	94 (55)	21 (66)	
Gender	Men	136 (79)	26 (81)	0.99
	Women	36 (21)	6 (19)	
Age	<60	44 (26)	8 (25)	0.99
	60-74	108 (63)	20 (63)	
	≥74	20 (12)	4 (12)	
Comorbidities	0	94 (55)	20 (63)	0.44
	≥1	78 (45)	12 (37)	
Body Mass Index²	≥25	92 (53)	10	0.38
	<25	80 (47)	13	
Tumour histology	Squamous cell carcinoma	39 (23)	8 (25)	0.82
	Adenocarcinoma	133 (77)	24 (75)	
Tumour location	Upper/middle esophagus	23 (13)	5 (16)	0.78
	Lower esophagus or cardia	149 (87)	27 (84)	
Pathological tumour stage	0-I	70 (41)	11 (34)	0.83
	II	56 (32)	11 (34)	
	III	38 (22)	8 (26)	
	IV	8 (5)	2 (6)	
Neoadjuvant therapy	No	168 (98)	30 (94)	0.24
	Yes	4 (2)	2 (6)	
Surgical approach	Transthoracic	138 (80)	24 (75)	0.48
	Transhiatal	34 (20)	8 (25)	
Postoperative complications	No	112 (65)	19 (59)	0.55
	Yes	60 (35)	13 (41)	

¹Fisher's Exact Test; ²missing data for non-participants