

Supplementary Table 1A. Comparison of baseline characteristics between participants and non-participants **6 months** after oesophageal cancer surgery.

		Participants Number (%)	Non-participants Number (%)	p-value¹
Total		378	99	
Education level	≤9 years	174 (46)	45 (45)	0.67
	≥10 years	204 (54)	54 (55)	
Gender	Men	307 (81)	75 (76)	0.26
	Women	71 (19)	24 (24)	
Age	<60	94 (25)	22 (22)	0.26
	60-74	220 (58)	53 (53)	
	≥74	64 (17)	24 (24)	
Comorbidities	0	216 (57)	54 (55)	0.65
	≥1	162 (43)	45 (45)	
Body Mass Index²	≥25	186 (49)	15	0.29
	<25	192 (51)	9	
Tumour histology	Squamous cell carcinoma	87 (23)	25 (25)	0.69
	Adenocarcinoma	291 (77)	74 (75)	
Tumour location	Upper/middle oesophagus	56 (15)	18 (19)	0.43
	Lower oesophagus or cardia	322 (85)	80 (81)	
Pathological tumour stage	0-I	79 (21)	22 (22)	0.82
	II	114 (30)	31 (31)	
	III	154 (41)	36 (36)	
	IV	31 (8)	10 (10)	
Neoadjuvant therapy	No	355 (94)	96 (97)	0.32
	Yes	23 (6)	3 (3)	
Surgical approach	Transthoracic	319 (84)	76 (77)	0.10
	Transhiatal	59 (16)	23 (23)	
Postoperative complications	No	255 (67)	66 (67)	0.90
	Yes	123 (33)	33 (33)	

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