

Comprehensive Registry of Esophageal Cancer in Japan, 2007

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Preface 2007

We deeply appreciate the great contributions of many physicians in the registry of esophageal cancer cases. The Comprehensive Registry of Esophageal Cancer in Japan, 2007, was published here, despite some delay. The registry complies with the Act for the Protection of Personal Information. The encryption with a HASH function is used for “anonymity in an unlinkable fashion”.

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We briefly summarized the Comprehensive Registry of Esophageal Cancer in Japan, 2007. Japanese Classification of Esophageal Cancer 10th and UICC TNM Classification 6th were used for cancer staging according to the subjected year. A total of 5216 cases were registered from 257 institutions in Japan. Tumor locations were cervical: 4.4 %, upper thoracic: 12.7 %, middle thoracic: 49.5 %, lower thoracic: 25.1 % and EG junction: 5.9 %. Superficial carcinomas (Tis, T1a, and T1b) were 35.7 %. As for the histologic type of biopsy specimens, squamous cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma accounted for 90.1 % and 3.9 %, respectively. Regarding clinical results, the 5-year survival rates of patients treated using endoscopic mucosal resection, concurrent chemoradiotherapy, radiotherapy alone, chemotherapy alone, or esophagectomy were 88.1, 25.1, 16.0, 9.4, and 52.8 %, respectively. Esophagectomy was performed in 2834 cases. Concerning the approach used for esophagectomy, 19.8 % of the cases were treated thoraco-

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scopically. The operative mortality (within 30 days after surgery) was 0.67 % and the hospital mortality was 1.27 %.

We hope that this Comprehensive Registry of Esophageal Cancer in Japan for 2007 will help to improve all aspects of the diagnosis and treatment of esophageal cancer in Japan.

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I. Clinical factors of esophageal cancer patients treated in 2007

Institution-registered cases in 2007

Institution

Aichi Cancer Center
 Aizawa Hospital
 Akita University Hospital
 Arao Municipal Hospital
 Asahikawa Medical College Hospital
 Beppu Medical Center
 Chiba Cancer Center
 Chiba Medical Center
 Chiba Prefectural Sawara Hospital
 Chiba University Hospital
 Chibaken Saiseikai Narashino Hospital
 Dokkyo Medical University Hospital
 Fujioka General Hospital
 Fujisawa Shounandai Hospital
 Fujita Health University
 Fukui Prefectural Hospital
 Fukui University Hospital
 Fukuoka Dental College and Dental Hospital
 Fukuoka Saiseikai General Hospital
 Fukuoka University Hospital
 Fukuoka Wajiro Hospital
 Fukushima Medical University Hospital
 Gifu Prefectural General Medical Center
 Gifu University Hospital
 Gunma Central General Hospital
 Gunma Prefectural Cancer Center
 Gunma University Hospital
 Gunmaken Saiseikai Maebashi Hospital
 Hakodate Goryokaku Hospital
 Hakodate National Hospital
 Hamamatsu University School of Medicine, University Hospital
 Health Insurance Naruto Hospital
 Heartlife Hospital
 Higashiosaka City General Hospital
 Hino Memorial Hospital
 Hiratsuka City Hospital
 Hiratsuka Kyosai Hospital
 Hiroshima City Asa Hospital
 Hiroshima University Research Institute for Radiation Biology Medicine
 Hitachi General Hospital
 Hokkaido kin-ikyo Central Hospital
 Hokkaido P.W.F.A.C Obihiro-Kosei General Hospital
 Hokkaido University Hospital
 Hyogo Cancer Center

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Institution

Hyogo College of Medicine
 Ibaraki Prefectural Central Hospital
 Ida Municipal Hospital
 Iizuka Hospital
 Imazu Surgical Clinic
 Inazawa City Hospital
 International University of Health and Welfare Hospital
 Ishikawa Prefectural Central Hospital
 Iwakuni Medical Center
 Iwate Medical University Hospital
 Japanese Red Cross Kyoto Second Hospital
 Japanese Red Cross Shizuoka Hospital
 Jichi Medical University Hospital
 Juntendo University Hospital
 Junwakai Memorial Hospital
 Kagawa Prefectural Central Hospital
 Kagawa Rosai Hospital
 Kagawa University Hospital
 Kagoshima Kenritsu Satsunan Hospital
 Kagoshima University Hospital
 Kanazawa Medical University Hospital
 Kanazawa University Hospital
 Kansai Medical University Hirakata Hospital
 Kansai Rosai Hospital
 Kashiwa Kousei General Hospital
 Kawakita General Hospital
 Kawasaki Hospital
 Kawasaki Medical School Hospital
 Kawasaki Municipal Hospital
 Keio University Hospital
 Keiyukai Sapporo Hospital
 Kikuna Memorial Hospital
 Kinki Central Hospital
 Kinki University Hospital
 Kiryu Kosei General Hospital
 Kishiwada City Hospital
 Kitakyushu Municipal Medical Center
 Kitano Hospital
 Kitasato University Hospital
 Kitasato University Kitasato Institute Medical Center Hospital
 Kobe City Medical Center General Hospital
 Kobe University Hospital
 Kochi University Hospital
 Kokura Memorial Hospital
 Kumamoto City Hospital
 Kumamoto University Hospital
 Kurashiki Central Hospital
 Kurume First Social Insurance Hospital

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Institution

Kurume University Hospital
Kuwana Medical Center
Kyorin University Hospital
Kyoto University Hospital
Kyushu University Hospital
Kyusyu Medical Center
Machida Municipal Hospital
Matsuda Hospital
Matsumoto Medical Center
Matsushita Memorial Hospital
Matsuyama Red Cross Hospital
Mie University Hospital
Mito Red Cross Hospital
Miyazaki Konan Hospital
Murakami General Hospital
Musashino Red Cross Hospital
Nagahama City Hospital
Nagano Red Cross Hospital
Nagasaki University Hospital
Nagayoshi General Hospital
Nagoya City University Hospital
Nagoya Daiichi Red Cross Hospital
Nagoya University Hospital
Nara Hospital Kinki University Faculty of Medicine
Nara Medical University Hospital
National Cancer Center Hospital
National Cancer Center Hospital East
National Center for Global Health and Medicine
National Defense Medical College Hospital
National Hospital Organization Chiba Medical Center
National Hospital Organization Chiba-East Hospital
National Hospital Organization Fukuoka-East Medical Center
National Hospital Organization Hokkaido Cancer Center
National Hospital Organization Kure Medical Center
National Hospital Organization Kyushu Cancer Center
National Hospital Organization Nagoya Medical Center
National Hospital Organization Osaka National Hospital
National Hospital Organization Tokyo Medical Center
Nihon University Itabashi Hospital
Niigata Cancer Center Hospital
Niigata City General Hospital
Niigata Prefectural Shibata Hospital
Niigata University Medical and Dental Hospital
Nikko Memorial Hospital
Nippon Medial School Hospital
Nippon Medical School Chiba Hokusoh Hospital
Nippon Medical School Hospital
Nippon Medical School Musashi Kosugi Hospital

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Institution

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Nishi-Kobe Medical Center
Nishinomiya Municipal Central Hospital
NTT West Japan Osaka Hospital
Numazu City Hospital
Ohta General Hospital Foundation Ohta Nishinouchi Hospital
Oita Red Cross Hospital
Oita University Hospital
Okayama Saiseikai General Hospital
Okayama University Hospital
Omura City Hospital
Onomichi Municipal Hospital
Osaka City General Medical Center
Osaka City University Hospital
Osaka Hospital of Japan Seafarers Relief Association
Osaka Koseinenkin Hospital
Osaka Medical Center for Cancer and Cardiovascular Diseases
Osaka Medical College Hospital
Osaka Prefectural Hospital Organization Osaka General Medical Center
Osaka Red Cross Hospital
Osaka University Hospital
Otsu Red Cross Hospital
Rinku General Medical Center
Ryukyu University Hospital
Saga University Hospital
Saga-Ken Medical center Koseikan
Saiseikai Utsunomiya Hospital
Saiseikai Yahata General Hospital
Saitama City Hospital
Saitama Medical Center
Saitama Medical Center Jichi Medical University
Saitama Medical University Hospital
Saitama Medical University International Medical Center
Saitama Prefectural Cancer Center
Saitama Social Insurance Hospital
Sakai Municipal Hospital
Saku Central Hospital
Sano Kousei General Hospital
Seirojika National Hospital University Hospital
Sendai City Hospital
Sendai Medical Center
Shiga Medical Center for Adults
Shiga University of Medical Science Hospital
Shikoku Cancer Center
Shimada Hospital
Shimane University Hospital
Shimizu Welfare Hospital

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Institution

Shinshu University Hospital
Shizuoka Cancer Center
Shizuoka City Shizuoka Hospital
Shizuoka General Hospital
Showa University Hospital
Social Insurance Omuta Tenryo Hospital
Social Insurance Tagawa Hospital
Social Insurance Yokohama Central Hospital
Sonoda First Hospital
Sugita Genpaku Memorial Obama Municipal Hospital
Suita Municipal Hospital
Suwa Red Cross Hospital
Syowa University Hospital
Syowa University Toyosu Hospital
Takaoka Hospital
Takasago Municipal Hospital
Takatsuki Red Cross Hospital
Tenri Hospital
The Cancer Institute Hospital of JFCR
The Jikei University Hospital
The Research Center Hospital for Charged Particle Therapy of the NIRS
Tochigi Cancer Center
Toho University Hospital
Toho University Omori Medical Center
Tohoku Kosai Hospital
Tohoku University Hospital
Tokai University Hospital
Tokushima Municipal Hospital
Tokushima Red Cross Hospital
Tokushima University Hospital
Tokyo Dental College Ichikawa General Hospital
Tokyo Jikeikai Medical

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Institution

Tokyo Medical and Dental University Hospital
Tokyo Medical University Hospital
Tokyo Metropolitan Cancer and Infectious Center Komagome Hospital
Tokyo Metropolitan Health and Medical Corporation Toshima Hospital
Tokyo University Hospital
Tokyo Women's Medical University Hospital
Tokyo Women's Medical University Medical Center East
Tonan Hospital
Tone Central Hospital
Toranomon Hospital
Tottori Prefectural Central Hospital
Tottori University Hospital
Toyama Prefectural Central Hospital
Toyama University Hospital
Tsuchiura Kyodo Hospital
Tsukuba University Hospital
University Hospital, Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine
University of Miyazaki Hospital
Wakayama Medical University Hospital
Yamagata Prefectural and Sakata Municipal Hospital Organization
Yamagata Prefectural Central Hospital
Yamagata Prefectural Shinjo Hospital
Yamaguchi-ken Saiseikai Shimonoseki General Hospital
Yamanashi Prefectural Central Hospital
Yamanashi University Hospital
Yokohama City Municipal Hospital
Yokohama City University Hospital
Yokohama City University Medical Center
Yuri General Hospital

(Total 257 institutions)

Patient background

Table 1 Age and gender

Age	Male	Female	Unknown	Cases (%)
~29	9	0	0	9 (0.2 %)
30~39	9	7	0	16 (0.3 %)
40~49	122	36	4	162 (3.1 %)
50~59	911	158	8	1077 (20.6 %)
60~69	1800	238	18	2056 (39.4 %)
70~79	1298	206	9	1513 (29.0 %)
80~89	277	63	2	342 (6.6 %)
90~	11	7	0	18 (0.3 %)
Unknown	17	5	1	23 (0.4 %)
Total	4454	720	42	5216 (100 %)

Table 15 Histologic types of biopsy specimens

Histologic types	Cases (%)
Not examined	63 (1.2 %)
SCC	4702 (90.1 %)
SCC	3062 (58.7 %)
Well diff.	301 (5.8 %)
Moderately diff.	1015 (19.5 %)
Poorly diff.	324 (6.2 %)
Adenocarcinoma	205 (3.9 %)
Undifferentiated	17 (0.3 %)
Carcinosarcoma	14 (0.3 %)
Malignant melanoma	12 (0.2 %)
Other tumors	51 (1.0 %)
Unknown	152 (2.9 %)
Total	5216 (100 %)

SCC squamous cell carcinoma

Table 11 Primary treatment

Treatments	Cases (%)
Surgery	2892 (55.4 %)
Esophagectomy	2834 (54.3 %)
Palliative	58 (1.1 %)
Chemotherapy/radiotherapy	1366 (26.2 %)
Endoscopic treatment	782 (15.0 %)
Others	13 (0.2 %)
None/unknown	163 (3.1 %)
Total	5216 (100 %)

Table 12 Tumor location

Location of tumor	Endoscopic treatment (%)	Chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy (%)	Palliative surgery (%)	Esophagectomy (%)	Other (%)	None/Unknown (%)	Total (%)
Cervical	13 (1.7 %)	127 (9.3 %)	1 (1.7 %)	77 (2.7 %)	0	9 (5.5 %)	227 (4.4 %)
Upper thoracic	76 (9.7 %)	238 (17.4 %)	14 (24.1 %)	312 (11.0 %)	1 (7.7 %)	20 (12.3 %)	661 (12.7 %)
Middle thoracic	439 (56.1 %)	652 (47.7 %)	31 (53.4 %)	1380 (48.7 %)	7 (53.8 %)	73 (44.8 %)	2582 (49.5 %)
Lower thoracic	171 (21.9 %)	281 (20.6 %)	11 (19.0 %)	808 (28.5 %)	1 (7.7 %)	36 (22.1 %)	1308 (25.1 %)
E > G	35 (4.5 %)	29 (2.1 %)	1 (1.7 %)	199 (7.0 %)	0	3 (1.8 %)	267 (5.1 %)
E = G	0	3 (0.2 %)	0	25 (0.9 %)	0	1 (0.6 %)	29 (0.6 %)
G > E	0	1 (0.1 %)	0	10 (0.4 %)	0	0	11 (0.2 %)
Unknown	48 (6.1 %)	35 (2.6 %)	0	23 (0.8 %)	4 (30.8 %)	21 (12.9 %)	131 (2.5 %)
Total	782 (100 %)	1366 (100 %)	58 (100 %)	2834 (100 %)	13 (100 %)	163 (100 %)	5216 (100 %)

EG esophago-gastric

Table 16 Depth of tumor invasion, cT (UICC TNM 6th)

cT	Cases (%)
cTX	152 (2.9 %)
cT0	10 (0.2 %)
cTis	128 (2.5 %)
cT1	245 (4.7 %)
cT1a	579 (11.1 %)
cT1b	906 (17.4 %)
cT2	703 (13.5 %)
cT3	1840 (35.3 %)
cT4	653 (12.5 %)
Total	5216 (100 %)

Table 17 Lymph node metastasis, cN (UICC TNM 6th)

cN	Cases (%)
cNX	236 (4.5 %)
cN0	2433 (46.6 %)
cN1	2547 (48.8 %)
Total	5216 (100 %)

Table 18 Distant metastasis, cM (UICC TNM 6th)

cM	Cases (%)
cMX	178 (3.4 %)
cM0	4208 (80.7 %)
cM1	189 (3.6 %)
cM1a	167 (3.2 %)
cM1b	474 (9.1 %)
Total	5216 (100 %)

Table 20 Clinical Stage (UICC TNM 6th)

Location of tumor	Endoscopic treatment (%)	Chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy (%)	Palliative surgery (%)	Esophagectomy (%)	Other (%)	None/unknown (%)	Total (%)
0	95 (12.1 %)	5 (0.4 %)	0	13 (0.5 %)	0	4 (2.5 %)	117 (2.2 %)
I	555 (71.0 %)	181 (13.3 %)	3 (5.2 %)	673 (23.7 %)	3 (23.1 %)	21 (12.9 %)	1436 (27.5 %)
IIA	10 (1.3 %)	128 (9.4 %)	7 (12.1 %)	571 (20.1 %)	2 (15.4 %)	18 (11.0 %)	736 (14.1 %)
IIB	3 (0.4 %)	77 (5.6 %)	4 (6.9 %)	361 (12.7 %)	0	6 (3.7 %)	451 (8.6 %)
III	29 (3.7 %)	469 (34.3 %)	31 (53.4 %)	831 (29.3 %)	3 (23.1 %)	32 (19.6 %)	1395 (26.7 %)
IV	4 (0.5 %)	114 (8.3 %)	3 (5.2 %)	34 (1.2 %)	0	20 (12.3 %)	175 (3.4 %)
IVA	2 (0.3 %)	73 (5.3 %)	2 (3.4 %)	87 (3.1 %)	0	2 (1.2 %)	166 (3.2 %)
IVB	11 (1.4 %)	255 (18.7 %)	3 (5.2 %)	165 (5.8 %)	1 (7.7 %)	25 (15.3 %)	460 (8.8 %)
Unknown	73 (9.3 %)	64 (4.7 %)	5 (8.6 %)	99 (3.5 %)	4 (30.8 %)	35 (21.5 %)	280 (5.4 %)
Total	782 (100 %)	1366 (100 %)	58 (100 %)	2834 (100 %)	13 (100 %)	163 (100 %)	5216 (100 %)

II. Results of endoscopically treated patients in 2007

Table 22 Details of endoscopic treatment

Treatment details	Cases (%)
EMR	223 (28.5 %)
EMR + ESD	5 (0.6 %)
EMR + YAG laser	2 (0.3 %)
EMR + Tracheal stenting	1 (0.1 %)
ESD	475 (60.7 %)
ESD + PDT	1 (0.1 %)
ESD + YAG laser	2 (0.3 %)
ESD + other treatment	4 (0.5 %)
PDT	6 (0.8 %)
PDT + YAG laser	1 (0.1 %)
YAG laser	7 (0.9 %)
Esophageal stenting	42 (5.4 %)
Esophageal stenting + tracheal stenting	1 (0.1 %)
Esophageal stenting + other treatment	1 (0.1 %)
Tracheal stenting	6 (0.8 %)
Others	5 (0.6 %)
Total	782 (100 %)

EMR endoscopic mucosal resection, *ESD* endoscopic submucosal dissection, *PDT* photodynamic therapy, *YAG* yttrium aluminum garnet, *APC* Argon plasma coagulation, *MCT* microwave coagulation therapy, *RFA* Radiofrequency ablation

* “Esophageal stenting + tracheal stenting + other (PEG)” case is included in “Esophageal stenting + tracheal stenting”

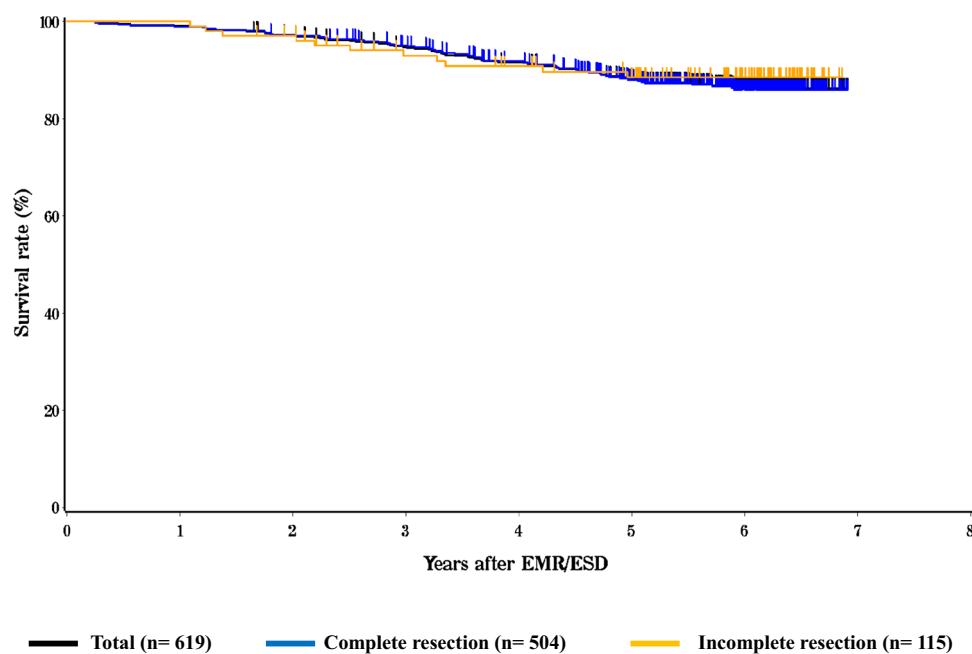
Table 30 Pathological depth of tumor invasion of EMR/ESD specimens

Pathological depth of tumor invasion (pT)	Cases (%)
pTX	27 (3.7 %)
pT0	6 (0.8 %)
pTis	170 (23.8 %)
pT1a	420 (58.9 %)
pT1b	87 (12.2 %)
pT2	3 (0.4 %)
Total	713 (100 %)

Table 26 Complications of EMR/ESD

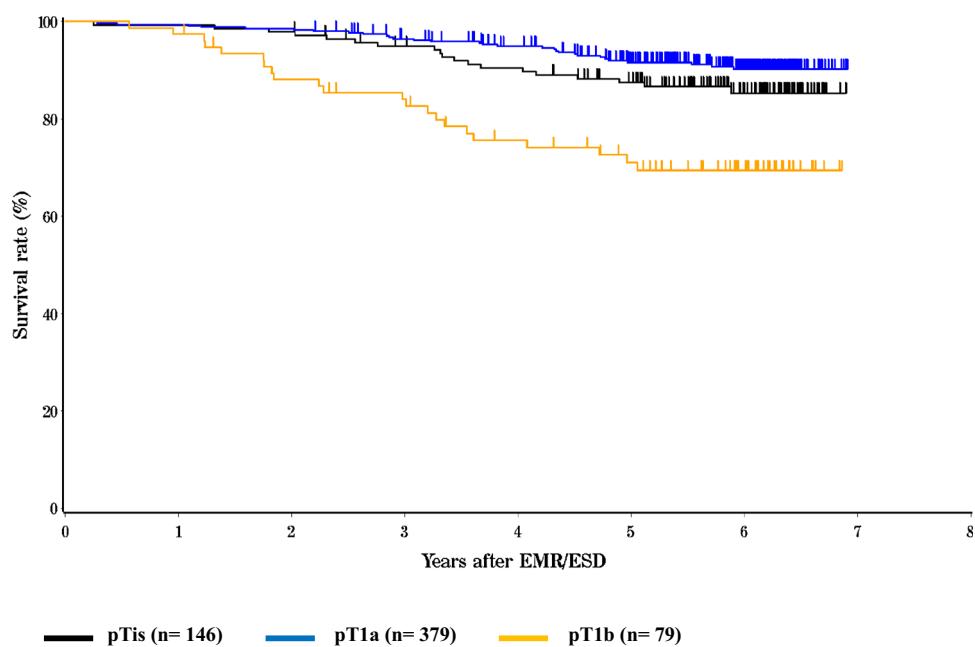
Complications of EMR/ESD	Cases (%)
None	653 (91.6 %)
Perforation	5 (0.7 %)
Bleeding	2 (0.3 %)
Mediastinitis	1 (0.1 %)
Stenosis	44 (6.2 %)
Perforation + mediastinitis	1 (0.1 %)
Perforation + stenosis	1 (0.1 %)
Others	6 (0.8 %)
Unknown	0
Total	713 (100 %)

Fig. 1 Survival of patients treated with EMR/ESD



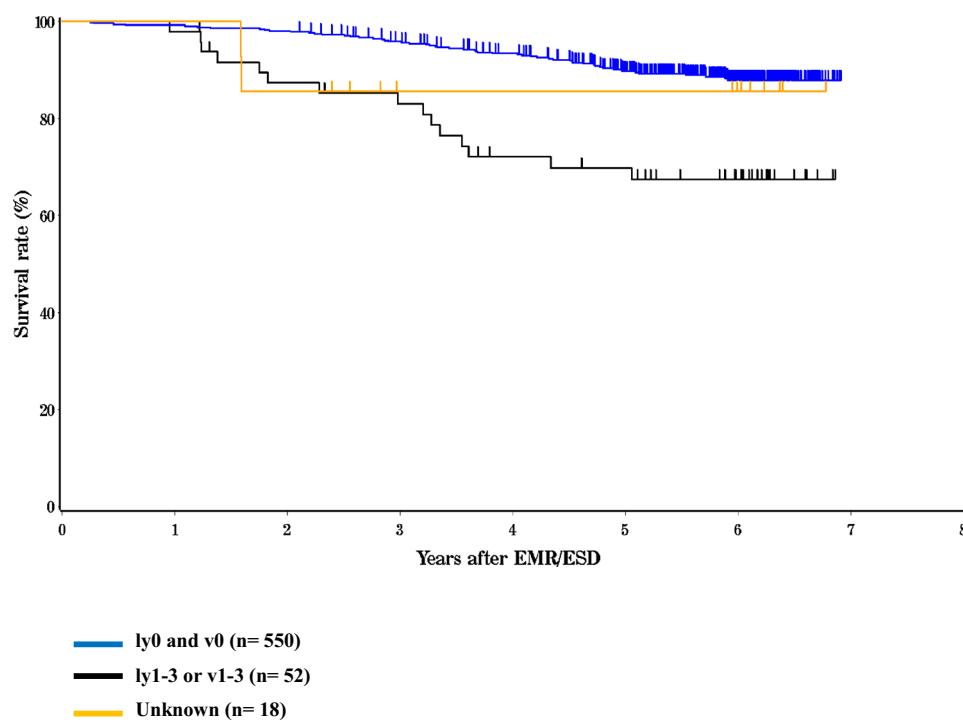
	Years after EMR/ESD							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Total	99.2%	97.3%	94.8%	91.6%	88.1%	86.3%	-	-
Complete resection	99.0%	97.3%	95.1%	91.8%	88.1%	85.9%	-	-
Incomplete resection	100.0%	97.1%	93.0%	90.8%	88.5%	88.5%	-	-

Fig. 3 Survival of patients treated with EMR/ESD according to the pathological depth of tumor invasion (pT)



	Years after EMR/ESD							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
pTis	99.3%	97.9%	95.0%	90.5%	87.5%	85.3%	-	-
pT1a	99.4%	98.6%	96.5%	95.0%	91.7%	90.2%	-	-
pT1b	97.4%	88.1%	84.0%	75.6%	71.1%	69.5%	-	-

Fig. 4 Survival of patients treated with EMR/ESD according to the lymphatic and venous invasion



	Years after EMR/ESD							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ly0 and v0	99.2%	98.1%	95.9%	93.4%	89.7%	87.9%	-	-
ly1-3 or v1-3	98.0%	87.4%	83.1%	72.1%	69.8%	67.4%	-	-
Unknown	100.0%	85.7%	85.7%	85.7%	85.7%	85.7%	-	-

III. Results in patients treated with chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy in 2007

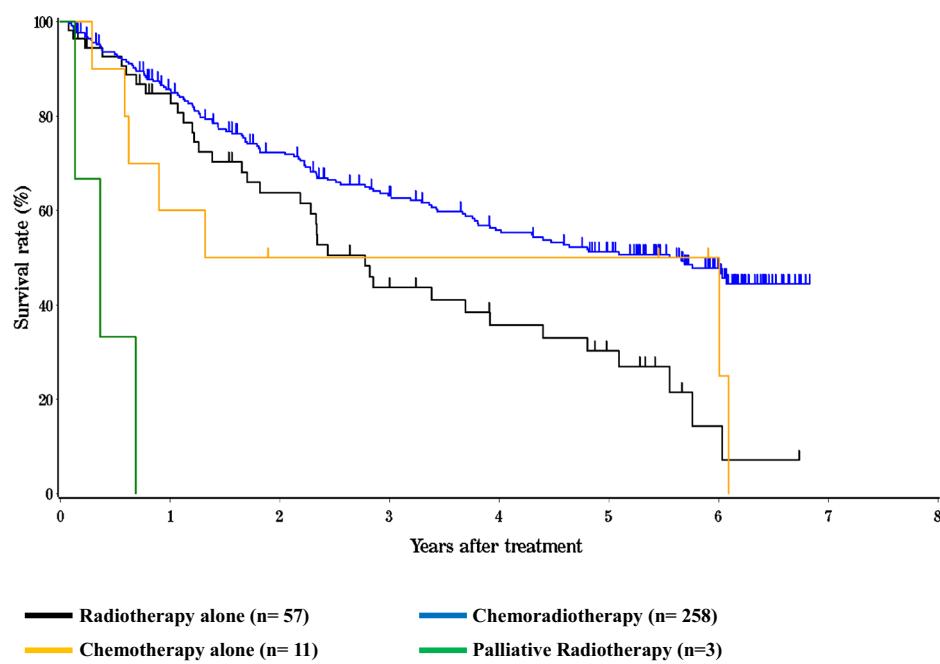
Table 33 Dose of radiation (non-surgically treated cases)

Dose of radiation (Gy)	Definitive		Palliative (%)	Recurrence (%)	Others (%)	Unknown (%)	Total (%)
	Radiation alone (%)	With chemotherapy (%)					
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
~29	7 (3.8 %)	12 (1.5 %)	15 (8.3 %)	0	0	1 (0.7 %)	35 (2.6 %)
30–39	6 (3.3 %)	22 (2.7 %)	20 (11.0 %)	2 (11.8 %)	10 (32.3 %)	1 (0.7 %)	61 (4.5 %)
40–49	6 (3.3 %)	31 (3.8 %)	23 (12.7 %)	4 (23.5 %)	13 (41.9 %)	0	77 (5.6 %)
50–59	14 (7.7 %)	118 (14.4 %)	39 (21.5 %)	2 (11.8 %)	4 (12.9 %)	1 (0.7 %)	178 (13.0 %)
60–69	139 (76.0 %)	607 (74.3 %)	79 (43.6 %)	7 (41.2 %)	2 (6.5 %)	0	834 (61.1 %)
70~	8 (7.2 %)	14 (2.1 %)	0	0	0	0	22 (2.2 %)
Unknown	3 (1.6 %)	13 (1.6 %)	5 (2.8 %)	2 (11.8 %)	2 (6.5 %)	134 (97.8 %)	159 (11.6 %)
Total	183 (100 %)	817 (100 %)	181 (100 %)	17 (100 %)	31 (100 %)	137 (100 %)	1366 (100 %)
Median (min–max)	60.0 (6.0–81.6)	60.0 (10.0–169.0)	58.0 (1.8–68.8)	50.0 (30.0–60.0)	40.0 (30.0–66.0)	30.0 (24.0–50.4)	60.0 (1.8–169.0)

Table 34 Dose of radiation (surgically treated cases)

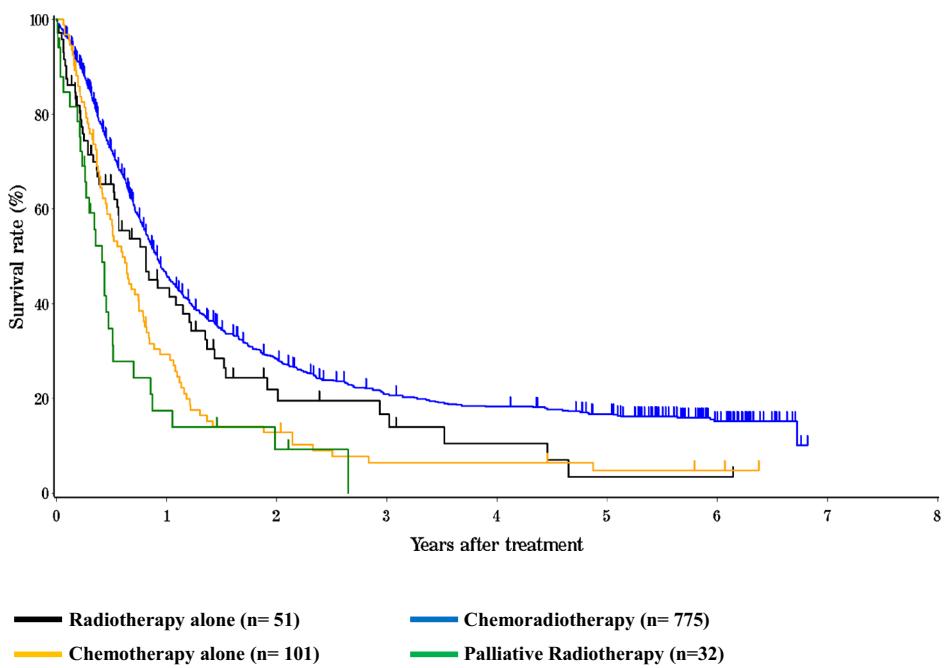
Dose of radiation (Gy)	Preoperative radiation (%)	Postoperative radiation (%)
0	0	0
~29	4 (1.8 %)	4 (4.3 %)
30–39	53 (23.8 %)	5 (5.3 %)
40–49	140 (62.8 %)	25 (26.6 %)
50–59	3 (1.3 %)	29 (30.9 %)
60–69	17 (7.6 %)	27 (28.7 %)
70~	1 (0.5 %)	1 (1.1 %)
Unknown	5 (2.2 %)	3 (3.2 %)
Total	223 (100 %)	94 (100 %)
Median (min–max)	40 (23.4–70.0)	50 (14.0–75.0)

Fig. 6 Survival of patients treated with chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy (cStage I-IIA)



	Years after treatment							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Radiotherapy alone	84.8%	63.7%	43.7%	35.8%	30.3%	14.3%	-	-
Chemoradiotherapy	85.7%	72.3%	63.1%	55.8%	51.2%	47.7%	-	-
Chemotherapy alone	60.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	-	-
Palliative radiotherapy	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Fig. 7 Survival of patients treated with chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy (cStage IIB-IVB)



	Years after treatment							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Radiotherapy alone	43.3%	21.9%	16.7%	10.4%	3.5%	3.5%	-	-
Chemoradiotherapy	46.1%	28.3%	21.0%	18.3%	16.7%	15.2%	-	-
Chemotherapy alone	29.3%	12.9%	6.4%	6.4%	4.8%	4.8%	-	-
Palliative radiotherapy	17.4%	9.3%	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-

IV. Results in patients underwent esophagectomy in 2007

Table 40 Treatment modalities of esophagectomy

Treatments	Cases (%)
Esophagectomy	1540 (54.3 %)
Esophagectomy + radiotherapy	98 (3.5 %)
Esophagectomy + chemoradiotherapy	514 (18.1 %)
Esophagectomy + chemoradiotherapy + endoscopic treatment	3 (0.1 %)
Esophagectomy + chemoradiotherapy + other treatment	1 (0.0 %)
Esophagectomy + radiotherapy + other treatment	2 (0.1 %)
Esophagectomy + chemotherapy	613 (21.6 %)
Esophagectomy + chemotherapy + endoscopic treatment	5 (0.2 %)
Esophagectomy + endoscopic treatment	55 (1.9 %)
Esophagectomy + other treatment	3 (0.1 %)
Total	2834 (100 %)

Table 42 Tumor location

Locations	Cases (%)
Cervical	77 (2.7 %)
Upper thoracic	312 (11.0 %)
Middle thoracic	1380 (48.7 %)
Lower thoracic	808 (28.5 %)
E > G	199 (7.0 %)
E = G	25 (0.9 %)
G > E	10 (0.4 %)
Unknown	23 (0.8 %)
Total lesions	2834 (100 %)

Table 43 Approaches to tumor resection

Approaches	Cases (%)
Cervical approach	39 (1.4 %)
Right thoracotomy	2417 (85.3 %)
Left thoracotomy	44 (1.6 %)
Left thoracoabdominal approach	75 (2.6 %)
Laparotomy	95 (3.4 %)
Transhiatal thoracic esophagectomy	57 (2.0 %)
Transhiatal lower esophagectomy	41 (1.4 %)
Sternotomy	15 (0.5 %)
Others	11 (0.4 %)
Unknown	40 (1.4 %)
Total	2834 (100 %)

Table 44 Endoscopic surgery

Endoscopic surgery	Cases (%)
None	2010 (70.9 %)
Thoracoscopy-assisted	427 (15.1 %)
Laparoscopy-assisted	128 (4.5 %)
Thoracoscopy + Laparoscopy-assisted	131 (4.6 %)
Mediastinoscopy-assisted	31 (1.1 %)
Thoracoscopy + Laparoscopy + Mediastinoscopy-assisted	1 (0.0 %)
Thoracoscopy + Mediastinoscopy-assisted	3 (0.1 %)
Laparoscopy + Mediastinoscopy-assisted	1 (0.0 %)
Others	2 (0.1 %)
Unknown	100 (3.5 %)
Total	2834 (100 %)

Table 45 Fields of lymph node dissection according to the location of the tumor

Field of lymphadenectomy	Cervical	Upper thoracic	Middle thoracic	Lower thoracic	$E > G$	$E = G$	$G > E$	Unknown	Total
None	4 (5.2 %)	17 (5.4 %)	70 (5.1 %)	34 (4.2 %)	8 (4.0 %)	0	0	3 (37.5 %)	136 (4.8 %)
C	19 (24.7 %)	3 (1.0 %)	3 (0.2 %)	4 (0.5 %)	3 (1.5 %)	0	0	1 (12.5 %)	33 (1.2 %)
C + UM	13 (16.9 %)	2 (0.6 %)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (12.5 %)	16 (0.6 %)
C + UM + MLM	4 (5.2 %)	12 (3.8 %)	29 (2.1 %)	11 (1.4 %)	2 (1.0 %)	0	0	0	58 (2.0 %)
C + UM + MLM + A	20 (26.0 %)	181 (58.0 %)	665 (48.2 %)	300 (37.1 %)	17 (8.5 %)	0	0	5 (62.5 %)	1188 (41.9 %)
C + UM + MLM + A + Other	0	0	2 (0.1 %)	1 (0.1 %)	0	0	0	0	3 (0.1 %)
C + UM + A	1 (1.3 %)	7 (2.2 %)	2 (0.1 %)	0	0	0	0	0	10 (0.4 %)
C + MLM + A	1 (1.3 %)	0	8 (0.6 %)	2 (0.2 %)	0	0	0	0	11 (0.4 %)
C + A	6 (7.8 %)	1 (0.3 %)	4 (0.3 %)	0	2 (1.0 %)	0	0	0	13 (0.5 %)
UM	0	1 (0.3 %)	2 (0.1 %)	0	0	0	0	1 (12.5 %)	4 (0.1 %)
UM + MLM	0	3 (1.0 %)	16 (1.2 %)	10 (1.2 %)	1 (0.5 %)	0	0	1 (12.5 %)	31 (1.1 %)
UM + MLM + A	5 (6.5 %)	59 (18.9 %)	454 (32.9 %)	307 (38.0 %)	54 (27.1 %)	6 (24.0 %)	0	4 (50.0 %)	889 (31.4 %)
UM + MLM + A + Other	0	0	1 (0.1 %)	1 (0.1 %)	0	0	0	0	2 (0.1 %)
UM + A	0	0	3 (0.2 %)	5 (0.6 %)	0	0	0	0	8 (0.3 %)
MLM	0	0	6 (0.4 %)	2 (0.2 %)	1 (0.5 %)	0	0	2 (25.0 %)	11 (0.4 %)
MLM + A	1 (1.3 %)	7 (2.2 %)	42 (3.0 %)	97 (12.0 %)	76 (38.2 %)	11 (44.0 %)	5 (50.0 %)	2 (25.0 %)	241 (8.5 %)
A	1 (1.3 %)	3 (1.0 %)	12 (0.9 %)	12 (1.5 %)	31 (15.6 %)	7 (28.0 %)	5 (50.0 %)	2 (25.0 %)	73 (2.6 %)
A + Other	0	0	1 (0.1 %)	0	0	0	0	0	1 (0.0 %)
Unknown	2 (2.6 %)	16 (5.1 %)	60 (4.3 %)	22 (2.7 %)	4 (2.0 %)	1 (4.0 %)	0	1 (12.5 %)	106 (3.7 %)
Total	77 (100 %)	312 (100 %)	1380 (100 %)	808 (100 %)	199 (100 %)	25 (100 %)	10 (100 %)	23 (100 %)	2834 (100 %)

C bilateral cervical nodes, UM upper mediastinal nodes, MLM middle-lower mediastinal nodes, A abdominal nodes

Table 47 Reconstruction route

Reconstruction route	Cases (%)
None	34 (1.2 %)
Subcutaneous	300 (10.2 %)
Retrosternal	1129 (38.5 %)
Intrathoracic	368 (12.5 %)
Posterior mediastinal	1006 (34.3 %)
Cervical	23 (0.8 %)
Others	27 (0.9 %)
Unknown	47 (1.6 %)
Total	2934 (100 %)

Table 48 Organs used for reconstruction

Organs used for reconstruction	Cases (%)
None	41 (1.4 %)
Whole stomach	105 (3.5 %)
Gastric tube	2328 (78.7 %)
Jejunum	143 (4.8 %)
Free jejunum	35 (1.2 %)
Colon	111 (3.8 %)
Free colon	5 (0.2 %)
Skin graft	1 (0.0 %)
Others	126 (4.3 %)
Unknown	64 (2.2 %)
Total organs	2959 (100 %)
Total cases	2834

Table 55 Histological classification

Histological classification	Cases (%)
SCC	2407 (84.9 %)
SCC	385 (13.6 %)
Well diff.	492 (17.4 %)
Moderately diff.	1109 (39.1 %)
Poorly diff.	421 (14.9 %)
Adenocarcinoma	106 (3.7 %)
Barrett's adenocarcinoma	46 (1.6 %)
Adenosquamous cell carcinoma	19 (0.7 %)
Mucoepidermoid carcinoma	2 (0.1 %)
Adenoid cystic carcinoma	1 (0.0 %)
Basaloid carcinoma	45 (1.6 %)
Undiff. carcinoma (small cell)	7 (0.2 %)
Undiff. carcinoma	3 (0.1 %)
Other carcinoma	3 (0.1 %)
Sarcoma	1 (0.0 %)
Carcinosarcoma	30 (1.1 %)
Malignant melanoma	11 (0.4 %)
Dysplasia	5 (0.2 %)
Other	28 (1.0 %)
Unknown	120 (4.2 %)
Total	2834 (100 %)

SCC Squamous cell carcinoma

Table 56 Depth of tumor invasion, pT (JES 10th)

pT-category	Cases (%)
pTX	138 (4.9 %)
pT0	52 (1.8 %)
pTis	22 (0.8 %)
pT1a	216 (7.6 %)
pT1b	744 (26.3 %)
pT2	371 (13.1 %)
pT3	1131 (39.9 %)
pT4	160 (5.6 %)
Total	2834 (100 %)

Table 58 Pathological grading of lymph node metastasis, pN (JES 10th)

Lymph node metastasis	Cases (%)
pNX	228 (8.0 %)
pN0	1441 (50.8 %)
pN1	352 (12.4 %)
pN2	518 (18.3 %)
pN3	162 (5.7 %)
pN4	133 (4.7 %)
Total	2834 (100 %)

Table 59 Numbers of the metastatic nodes

Numbers of lymph node metastasis	Cases (%)
0	1188 (41.9 %)
1–2	703 (24.8 %)
3–6	521 (18.4 %)
7~	292 (10.3 %)
Unknown	130 (4.6 %)
Total	2834 (100 %)

Table 60 Pathological findings of distant organ metastasis, pM (JES 10th)

Distant metastasis	Cases (%)
pMX	137 (4.8 %)
pM0	2642 (93.2 %)
pM1	55 (1.9 %)
Total	2834 (100 %)

Table 61 Residual tumor, R

Residual tumor	Cases (%)
RX	303 (10.7 %)
R0	2229 (78.7 %)
R1	162 (5.7 %)
R2	140 (4.9 %)
Total	2834 (100 %)

Table 72 Causes of death

Cause of death	Cases (%)
Death due to recurrence	888 (71.4 %)
Death due to other cancer	63 (5.1 %)
Death due to other disease (rec+)	32 (2.6 %)
Death due to other disease (rec−)	149 (12.0 %)
Death due to other disease (rec?)	9 (0.7 %)
Operative death*	19 (1.5 %)
Postoperative hospital death**	36 (2.9 %)
Unknown	48 (3.9 %)
Total of death cases	1244 (100 %)

rec recurrence

* Operative death means death within 30 days after operation in or out of hospital

** Hospital death is defined as death during the same hospitalization, regardless of department at time of death

Operative mortality: 0.67 %

Hospital mortality: 1.27 %

Follow-up period (months)	
Median (min - max)	43.47 (0.03 - 90.18)

Fig. 8 Survival of patients underwent esophagectomy

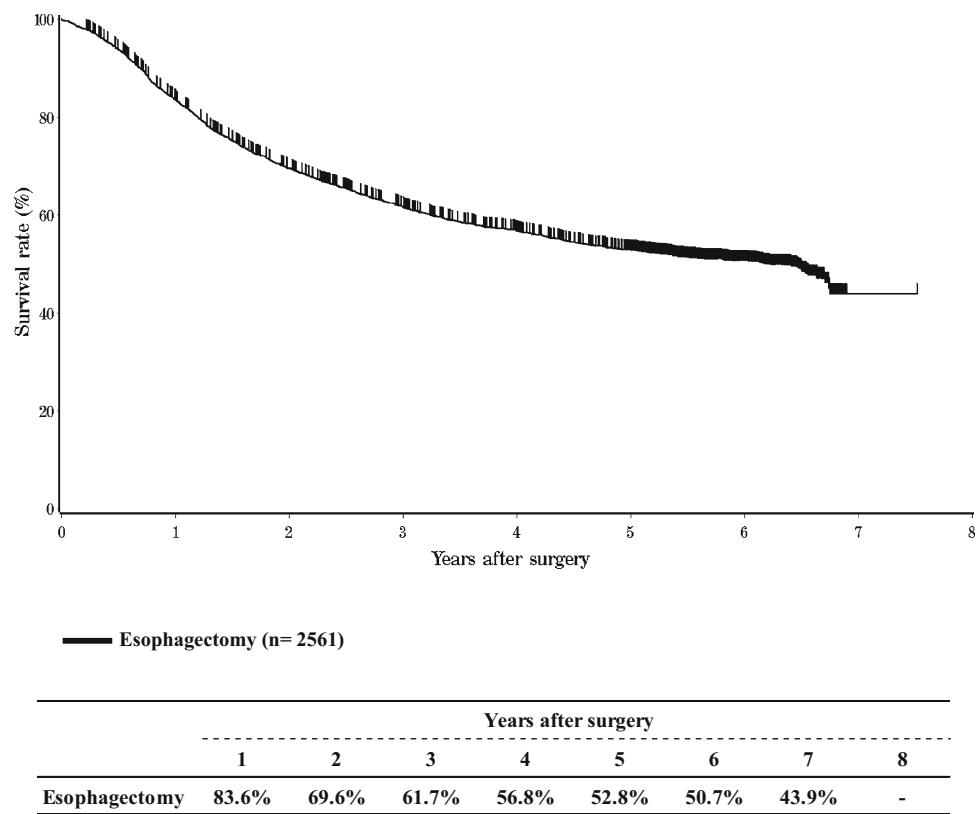
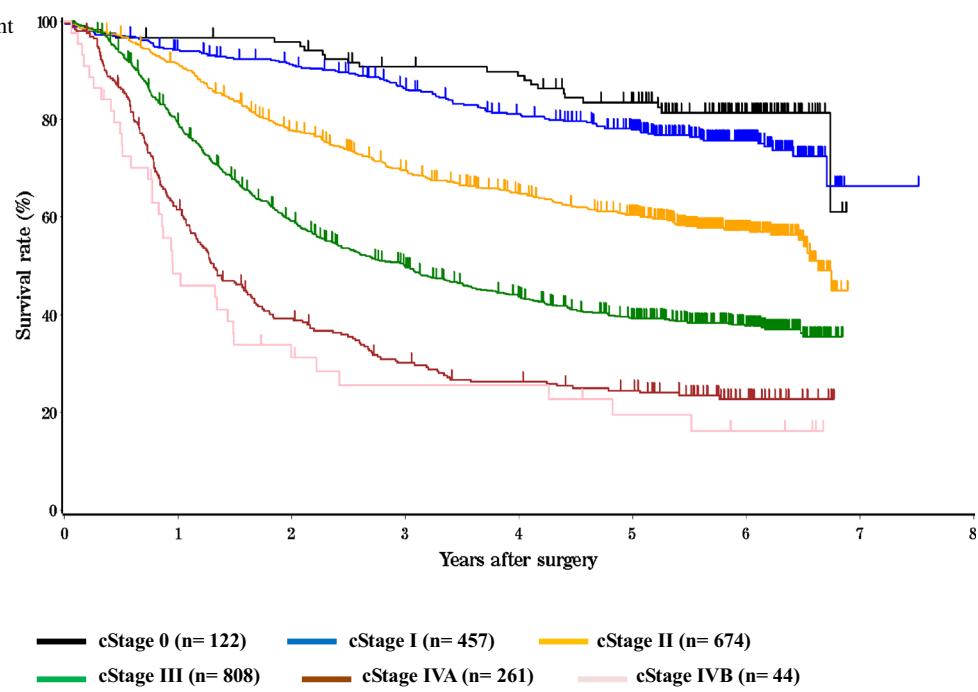


Fig. 9 Survival of patients underwent esophagectomy according to clinical stage (JES TNM 10th)



	Years after surgery							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
cStage 0	96.7%	95.8%	90.7%	88.9%	83.5%	81.3%	-	-
cStage I	94.2%	91.2%	86.3%	81.1%	77.8%	75.7%	66.4%	-
cStage II	91.4%	77.8%	69.6%	64.9%	60.4%	57.3%	-	-
cStage III	79.1%	59.1%	49.9%	43.6%	39.2%	37.8%	-	-
cStage IVA	61.5%	39.3%	30.1%	26.3%	24.5%	22.8%	-	-
cStage IVB	48.4%	31.3%	25.6%	25.6%	19.5%	16.2%	-	-

Fig. 10 Survival of patients underwent esophagectomy according to clinical stage (UICC TNM 6th)

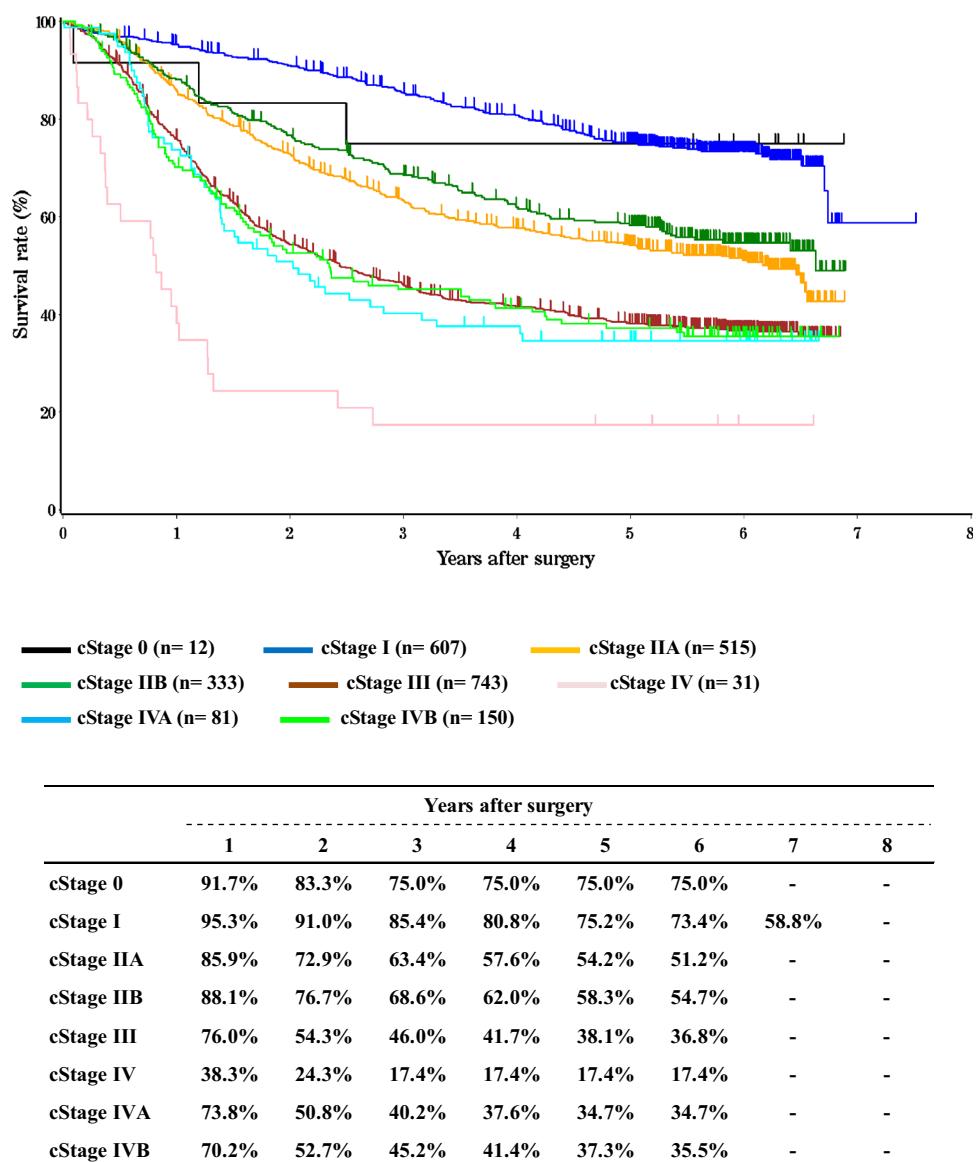
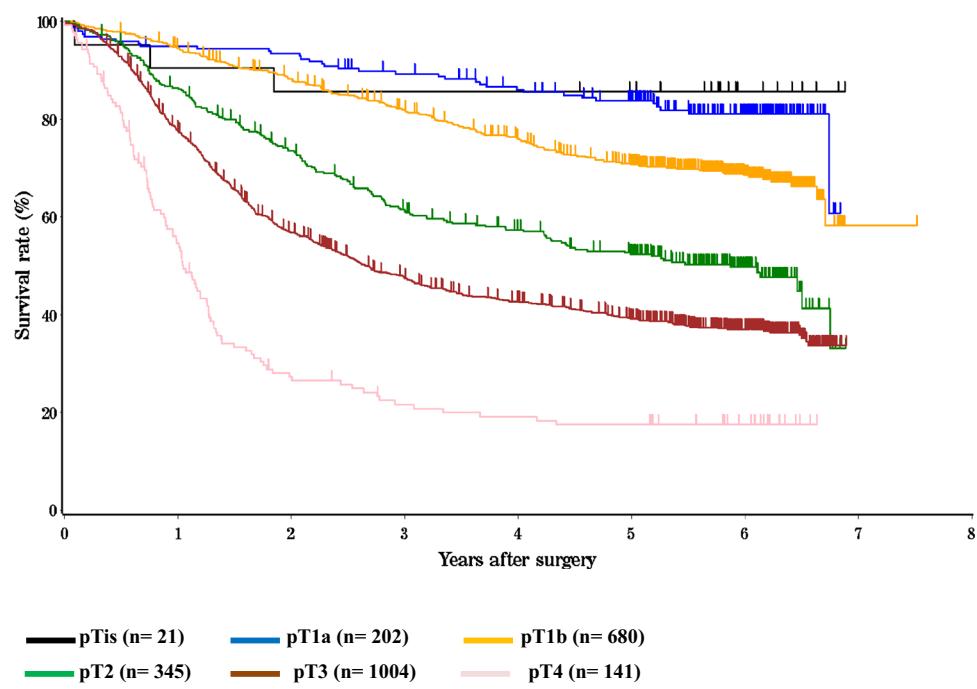
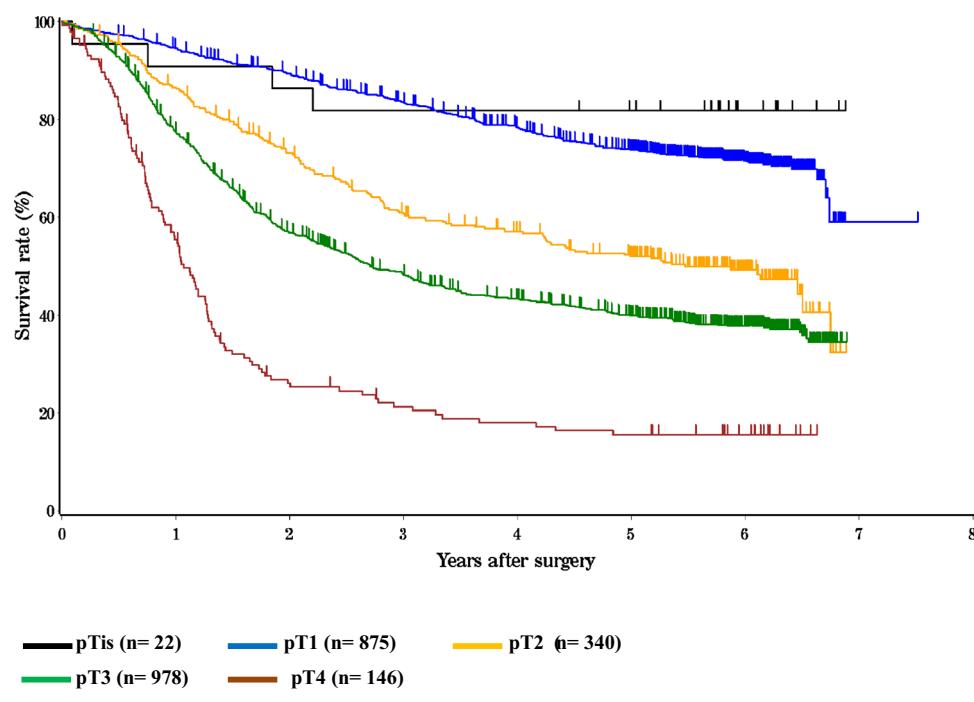


Fig. 11 Survival of patients underwent esophagectomy according to the depth of tumor invasion: pT (JES TNM 10th)



	Years after surgery							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
pTis	90.5%	85.7%	85.7%	85.7%	85.7%	85.7%	-	-
pT1a	95.0%	93.4%	89.3%	86.1%	83.8%	81.1%	-	-
pT1b	94.6%	88.3%	81.9%	76.1%	70.8%	68.5%	-	-
pT2	86.5%	73.6%	61.2%	57.4%	52.3%	49.7%	-	-
pT3	77.6%	56.8%	47.5%	42.7%	39.2%	37.0%	-	-
pT4	54.6%	27.3%	21.7%	19.2%	17.5%	-	-	-

Fig. 12 Survival of patients underwent esophagectomy according to the depth of tumor invasion: pT (UICC TNM 6th)



	Years after surgery							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
pTis	90.9%	86.4%	81.8%	81.8%	81.8%	81.8%	-	-
pT1	94.5%	89.4%	83.6%	78.4%	73.8%	71.5%	59.1%	-
pT2	86.6%	73.2%	60.6%	57.0%	51.9%	49.3%	-	-
pT3	77.4%	56.8%	48.3%	43.3%	40.0%	37.8%	-	-
pT4	55.5%	26.1%	21.3%	18.0%	15.6%	15.6%	-	-

Fig. 13 Survival of patients underwent esophagectomy according to lymph node metastasis: pN (JES TNM 10th)

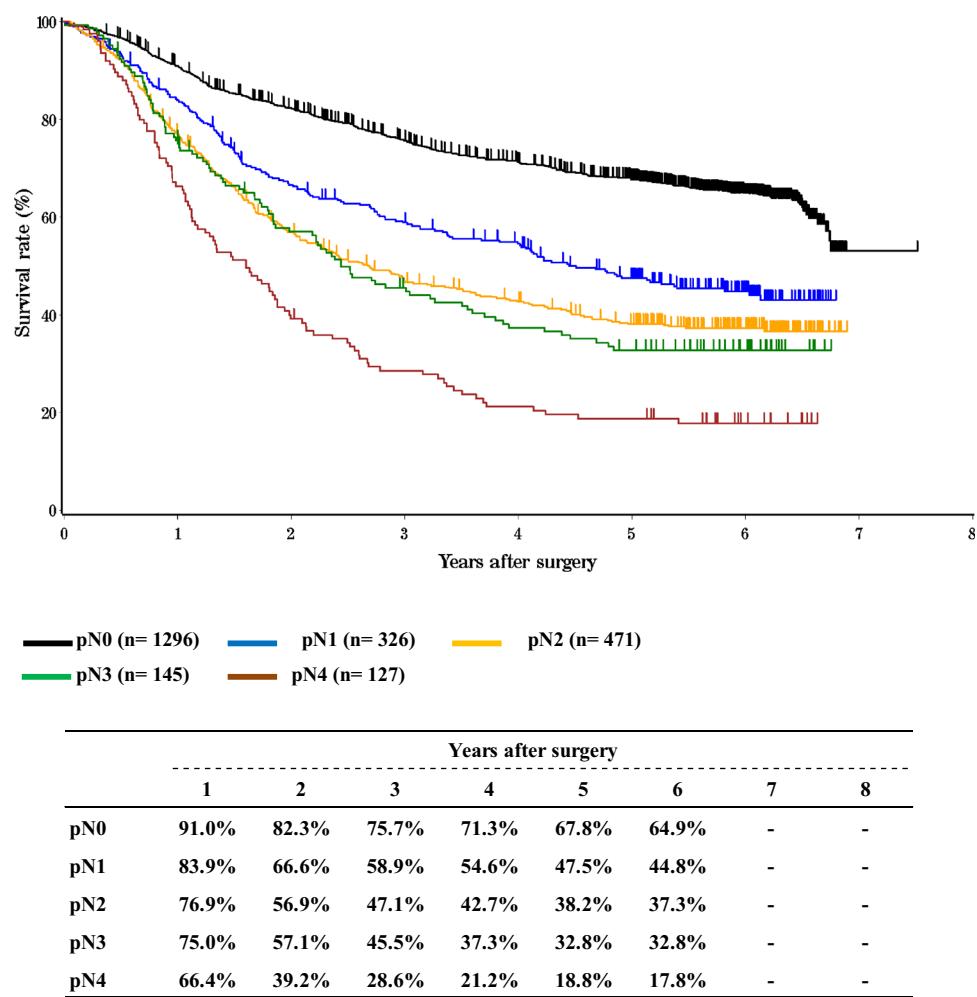


Fig. 14 Survival of patients underwent esophagectomy according to lymph node metastasis: pN (UICC TNM 6th)

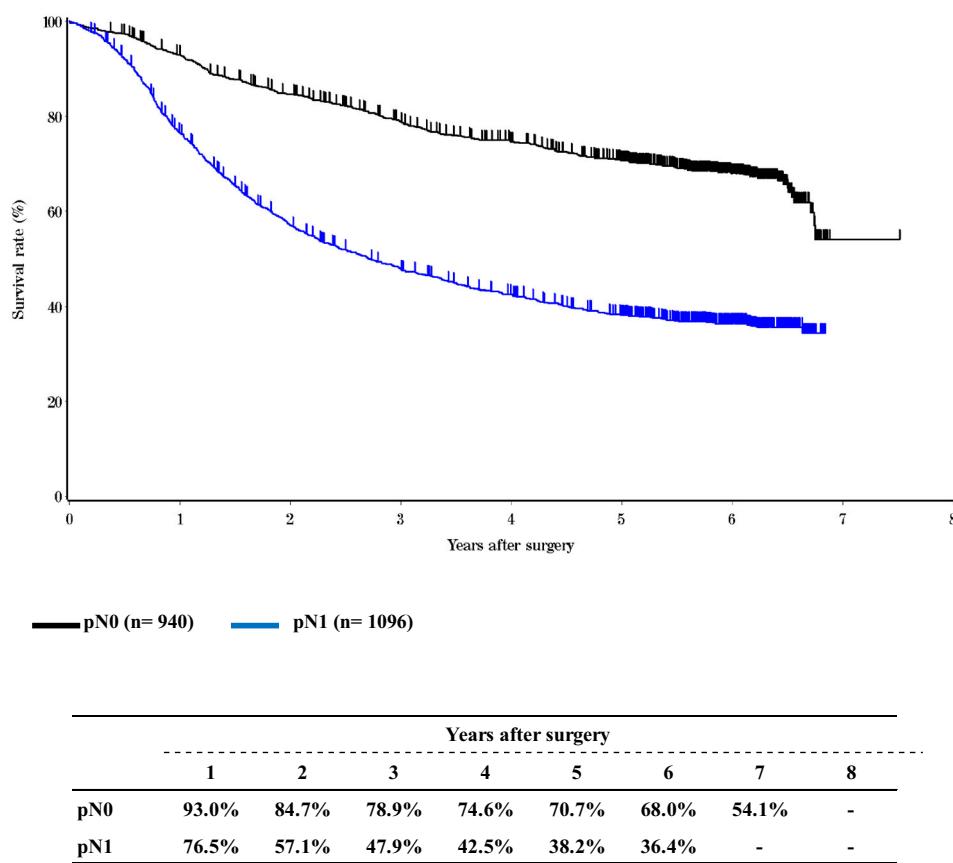


Fig. 15 Survival of patients underwent esophagectomy according to number of metastatic node

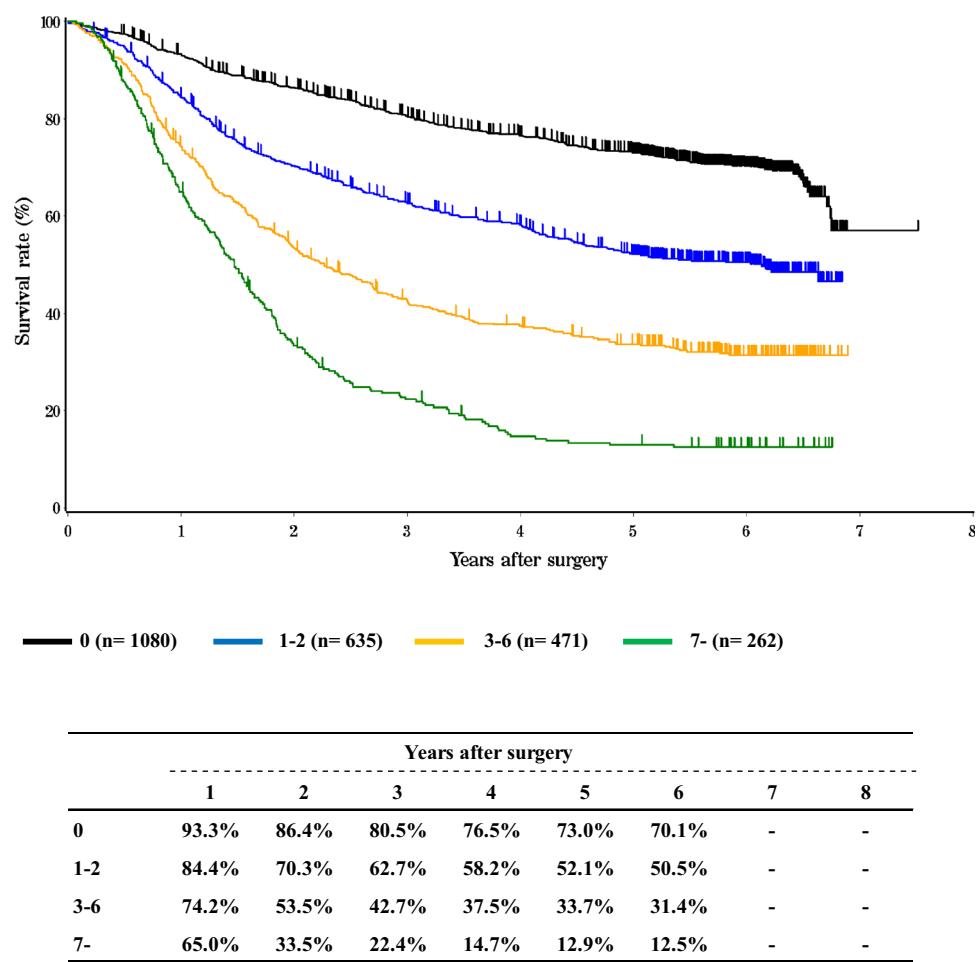
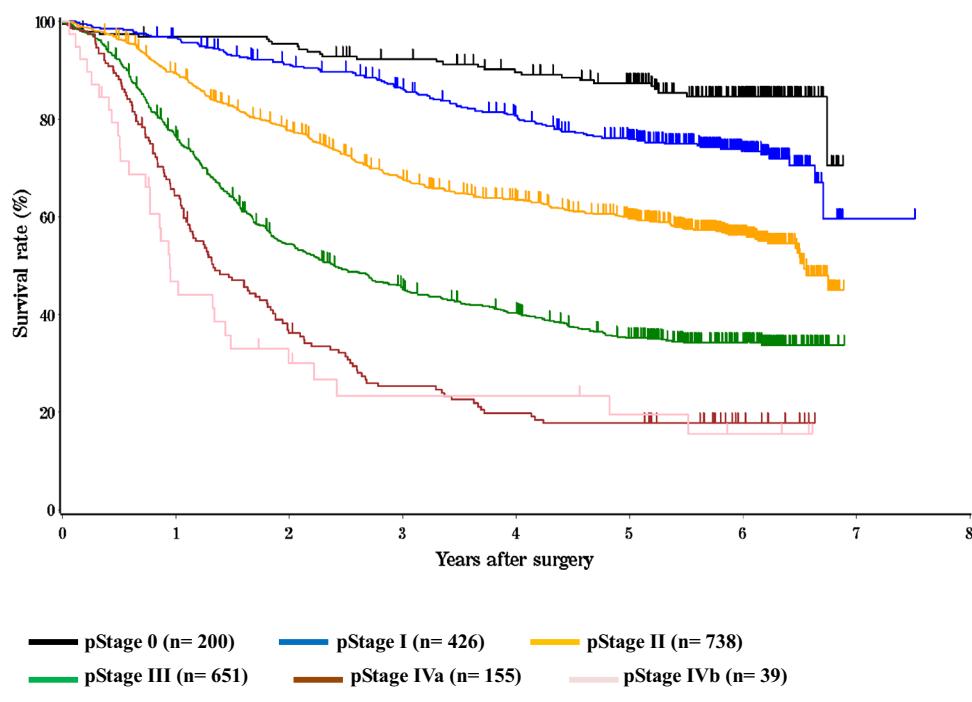
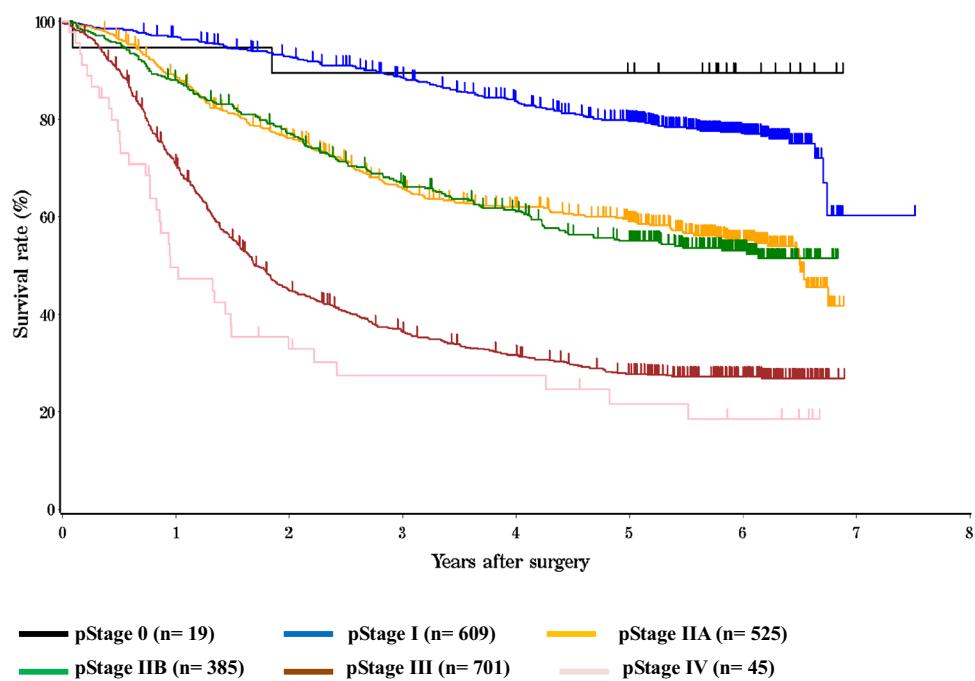


Fig. 16 Survival of patients underwent esophagectomy according to pathological stage (JES TNM 10th)



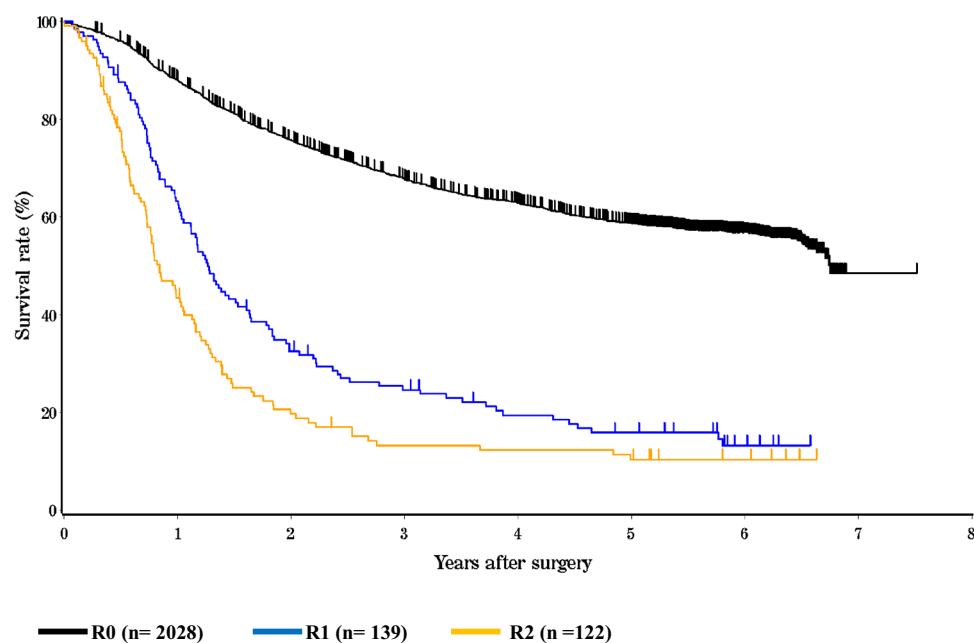
	Years after surgery							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
pStage 0	97.0%	95.4%	92.3%	89.6%	87.4%	84.7%	-	-
pStage I	96.7%	91.3%	86.3%	80.7%	75.9%	73.4%	59.6%	-
pStage II	89.5%	77.7%	67.8%	63.5%	59.6%	56.3%	-	-
pStage III	76.4%	54.4%	45.4%	40.4%	35.2%	34.2%	-	-
pStage IVa	64.4%	36.2%	25.3%	19.8%	17.8%	17.8%	-	-
pStage IVb	46.8%	30.0%	23.4%	23.4%	19.5%	15.6%	-	-

Fig. 17 Survival of patients underwent esophagectomy according to pathological stage (UICC TNM 6th)



	Years after surgery							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
pStage 0	94.7%	89.4%	89.4%	89.4%	89.4%	89.4%	-	-
pStage I	97.0%	92.9%	88.6%	83.7%	79.7%	77.0%	-	-
pStage II A	88.9%	76.1%	65.7%	62.1%	59.0%	55.2%	-	-
pStage II B	88.0%	77.2%	66.7%	61.2%	55.1%	53.2%	-	-
pStage III	70.6%	45.0%	36.5%	31.6%	27.8%	27.2%	-	-
pStage IV	49.6%	32.9%	27.4%	27.4%	21.6%	18.5%	-	-

Fig. 18 Survival of patients underwent esophagectomy according to residual tumor (R)



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