

Supplement Table A. Characteristics of the 68 patients developing local recurrence.

Tumor Height	n (%)
High	22
Mid	21
Low	23
Preoperative CRT	
Yes	19
No	40
R-status	
R0	48
R1	8
(y)pT	
-> T0	0 (0.0)
-> T1	3 (4.4)
-> T2	13 (19.1)
-> T3	41 (60.3)
-> T4	11 (16.2)
(y)pN	
-> N0	32 (47.1)
-> N1	15 (22.1)
-> N2	21 (30.9)

CRT, Chemoradiotherapy. pT, histopathological tumour category. pN, histopathological nodal-category. Y-prefix, patients who were preoperatively treated. 2 patients had no tumour height recorded. 9 patients with a local recurrence had missing data regarding CRT. 12 patients had no R-status recorded.