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### **Biostatistics statement:**

All statistical analyses were performed using SPSS version 16.0 software. To determine significant differences in DCR between baseline characteristics, chi-square tests were

used. OS was compared using Kaplan–Meier curves with the log-rank test. A Cox proportional hazards model was used to examine risk factors associated with survival. A two-tailed  $P$  values less than 0.05 was considered statistically significant. Chen BH and Cai MY, who had learned about biostatistics, performed the statistical analyses together.

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