

Biostatistics statement

SPSS software version 18.0 for Windows (SPSS, Inc., Chicago, IL, USA) was used for statistical analysis. For comparison of continuous variables between two groups, the independent samples t-test was used, while for comparison of frequency variables, the chi-square test was used through cross analysis. Continuous variables were presented as means \pm standard deviations, and count variables were presented in the forms of frequency and percentage. Multivariate analysis was performed using binary logistic regression methods. Cumulative recurrence rates and recurrence times were calculated by the Kaplan-Meier method, and they were compared with each other using a log-rank test. A *P* value less than 0.05 was considered statistically significant. The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by Lee YJ and Lee YS.

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