

Supplementary Table 1. Comparison of the survival for each N classification
in the same T category

T stage	N0		N1		N2		N3a		N3b	
	χ^2	P	χ^2	P	χ^2	P	χ^2	P	χ^2	P
T1	N0		92.572	.000	52.345	.000	64.530	.000	33.209	.000
	N1	92.572	.000		.204	.652	10.732	.001	8.602	.003
	N2	52.345	.000	.204	.652		6.078	.014	7.547	.006
	N3a	64.530	.000	10.732	.001	6.078	.014		.844	.358
	N3b	33.209	.000	8.602	.003	7.547	.006	.844	.358	
T2	N0		25.557	.000	45.016	.000	51.500	.000	79.780	.000
	N1	25.557	.000		3.689	.045	11.660	.001	36.723	.000
	N2	45.016	.000	3.689	.045		3.177	.055	23.927	.000
	N3a	51.500	.000	11.660	.001	3.177	.055		11.477	.001
	N3b	79.780	.000	36.723	.000	23.927	.000	11.477	.001	
T3	N0		130.836	.000	323.125	.000	689.153	.000	564.545	.000
	N1	130.836	.000		35.706	.000	194.492	.000	219.734	.000
	N2	323.125	.000	35.706	.000		64.871	.000	113.420	.000
	N3a	689.153	.000	194.492	.000	64.871	.000		27.299	.000
	N3b	564.545	.000	219.734	.000	113.420	.000	27.299	.000	
T4a	N0		38.851	.000	110.338	.000	213.015	.000	256.033	.000
	N1	38.851	.000		12.889	.000	58.801	.000	99.205	.000
	N2	110.338	.000	12.889	.000		21.510	.000	59.556	.000
	N3a	213.015	.000	58.801	.000	21.510	.000		15.865	.000
	N3b	256.033	.000	99.205	.000	59.556	.000	15.865	.000	