

Supplement Table 1. Grading of histopathological efficacy according to Japanese Guidelines for Clinical and Pathologic studies on Carcinoma of the Esophagus

Grade	Degree of response
0 (ineffective)	No evidence of treatment effect
1 (slightly effective)	Treatment effect involving less than two-thirds of the gross tumor mass
2 (moderately effective)	Treatment effect in more than two-thirds of the gross tumor mass
3 (markedly effective)	No cancer cell is observed, pathologic complete response