

Table 2: The results of a multivariate analysis using Cox's prpportional hazard model.

Variable	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	<i>P</i> -value
Age	0.172 (0.049-0.604)	0.006
CEA	3.371 (1.131-10.050)	0.029
Lymph node involvement	4.491 (1.467-13.752)	0.009