Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table S1: Descriptive Comparison of Patients Included Versus Excluded from Time-to-Event Analyses

Characteristic	Included (n=101)	Outcome status unavailable (n=2)
Number	101	2
Age, median (range)	53 (16-90)	60.5 (41-80)
Male sex	55 (54.5%)	0 (0.0%)
LNR, median	0.20	0.34
High LNR (>=0.20)	51 (50.5%)	2 (100.0%)
Adjuvant treatment	82 (81.2%)	2 (100.0%)

No inferential comparison was performed because only two patients were excluded.

Supplementary Table S2: Expanded OS Cox Sensitivity Model (n=101; 27 Deaths)

Variable	HR	95% CI	p-value
High LNR (>=0.20)	2.16	0.88-5.29	0.092
Age per year	1.02	0.99-1.04	0.261
Male sex	1.62	0.70-3.77	0.261
Adjuvant treatment	0.20	0.07-0.60	0.004
Poor differentiation	5.38	2.16-13.41	<0.001

This model is deliberately labelled a sensitivity analysis because five regression coefficients are estimated from only 27 deaths. The attenuation of the LNR estimate illustrates model fragility and residual confounding.

Supplementary Table S3: Missingness in Variables Relevant to Reviewer-Requested Analyses

Variable	Missing
Vital/outcome status	2/103 (1.9%)
Recurrence status	2/103 (1.9%)
Recurrence date among recorded recurrences	1/25 (4.0%)
Recorded pN category	27/103 (26.2%)
Recorded pT category	27/103 (26.2%)