

Supplementary Table 1. Patients' characteristics in the subgroups generated through a propensity-matching analysis

Variable	END (n=79)	SLNB (n=79)	P-value
Demographic data			
Sex			0.738
Male	53 (67.1)	50 (63.3)	
Female	26 (32.9)	29 (36.7)	
Age (yr)	53.46±12.26	52.18±14.07	0.543
Preoperative data			
cT1:T2	56:23	61:18	0.468
Postoperative data			
Resection margin (mm)	4.84±2.10	5.49±2.61	0.275
Depth of invasion (mm)	5.95±4.11	5.25±4.07	0.171
Lymphovascular invasion	7 (8.9)	4 (5.1)	0.150
Perineural invasion	7 (8.9)	8 (10.1)	0.043
Pathologically positive lymph node	4 (5.1)	5 (6.3)	0.055

Values are presented as number (%) or mean ± standard deviation.
 END, elective neck dissection, SLNB, sentinel lymph node biopsy.