**Table 2**: Patients-, tumor- and treatment-, related characteristics

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| **Total number of patients : 43** | **n (%)** |
| **PATIENTS’ CHARACTERISTICS** | |
| **Gender** | |
| - Male | 30 (70) |
| - Female | 13 (30) |
| Median age (IQR), years | 65 (57-74) |
| **Patients’ region of origin** | |
| - Lombardy | 24 (55) |
| - Other regions | 19 (45) |
| **Comorbidities** | |
| - Cardiovascular | 17 (40) |
| - COPD | 10 (23) |
| **Smoking status** | |
| - Active | 12 (28) |
| - Former | 22 (51) |
| - Never | 9 (21) |
| **Alcohol abuse** | |
| - Active | 3 (7) |
| - Former | 1(2) |
| - Never | 39 (91) |
| **TUMOR CARACTERISTICS** | |
| **Disease subsite** | |
| - Oropharynx | 13 (30) |
| - Larynx | 8 (19) |
| - Oral cavity | 5 (13) |
| - Nasopharynx | 5 (13) |
| - Nasal Cavity/ Paranasal Sinuses | 4 (9) |
| - Salivary Glands | 2 (4) |
| - Hypopharynx | 2 (4) |
| - Unknown Primary | 1 (2) |
| - Other | 3 (6) |
| **Stage (per TNM 8th edition**) | |
| - I | 3 (6) |
| - II | 5 (13) |
| - III | 11 (26) |
| - IV | 24 (55) |
| **TREATMENT CHARACTERISTICS** | |
| **Radiation treatment setting** | |
| - Exclusive | 25 (58) |
| - Adjuvant | 17 (40) |
| - Palliative | 1 (2) |
| **Systemic therapy** | |
| - Yes | 23 (54) |
| - Induction+ Concomitant | 4 |
| - Concomitant platinum-based CT | 15 |
| - Anti-EGFR | 4 |
| - No | 20 (45) |

**Abbreviations:** COPD: chronic obstructive Pulmonary Disease CT: Computed Tomography, EGFR: Anti-Epidermal Growth Factor, IQR: Interquartile Range, TNM: Tumor Node Metastasis (per American Joint Committee on Cancer)