

	LNМ (n) (-/+)	pStage (n) (I/II/III/IVa/IVb)
LVI		
negative	57/18	21/6/20/21/7
positive	9/16	1/0/2/14/8
p value	<0.001	<0.001
PNI		
negative	57/21	22/5/16/24/11
positive	9/13	0/1/6/11/4
p value	0.005	0.024
Necrosis		
negative	50/20	19/5/18/19/9
positive	16/14	3/1/4/16/6
p value	0.080	0.047
E-cadherin		
downregulation	6/1	3/0/1/2/1
overexpression	60/33	19/6/21/33/14
p value	0.417	0.802
Beta-catenin		
downregulation	28/12	9/2/10/16/3
overexpression	38/22	13/4/12/19/12
p value	0.491	0.499
N-cadherin		
Score 1	60/33	20/6/21/32/14
Score 2	5/1	2/0/1/2/1
Score 3	1/0	0/7/1/0
P value	0.776	0.986
Zeb1 tumour		
Negative	65/26	21/6/21/33/10
Positive	1/8	1/0/1/2/5
p value	<0.001	0.035
Zeb1 stroma		
<%10	17/2	7/2/3/7/0
%11-50	30/18	12/3/12/13/8
>%50	19/14	3/1/7/15/7
p value	0.051	0.102
αSMA stroma		
<%10	25/9	12/3/6/10/3
%11-50	17/8	4/1/8/9/3
>%50	24/17	6/2/8/16/9
p value	0.383	0.373

Table 2: Relationship between LNМ and pathological tumour stage with EMT markers and histopathological findings (Chi-square analysis)