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| Supplementary Table 1. Clinical parameters of patients from the TCGA |
| **Parameter/Feature** | **ESCA (N=185)** |
| Age, years (mean±SD) | 62.45±11.89 |
| Gender, male | 158 |
| Tumor grade |  |
|  G1 | 19 |
|  G2 | 77 |
|  G3 | 49 |
|  GX | 40 |
| Pathologic stage |  |
|  I | 21 |
|  II | 86 |
|  III | 66 |
|  IV | 12 |
| Tumor size |  |
|  T0 | 2 |
|  T1 | 32 |
|  T2 | 44 |
|  T3 | 102 |
|  T4 | 5 |
| Lymph node |  |
|  N0 | 80 |
|  N1 | 74 |
|  N2 | 21 |
|  N3 | 8 |
|  NX | 2 |
| Metastasis status |  |
|  M0 | 150 |
|  M1 | 12 |
|  MX | 23 |