

Patient characteristics	N=20	%
Sex		
Male	16	80.0
Female	4	20.0
Age, years		
≤50	1	5.0
≥50	19	95.0
Location of tumour (cm from the anal verge)		
High (9–12cm)	0	0
Mid (5–8cm)	7	35.0
Lower (0–4cm)	13	65.0
cT		
T2	3	15.0
T3	15	75.0
T4	2	10.0
cN		
N0	4	20.0
N1	2	10.0
N1a	1	5.0
N1b	3	15.0
N2a	5	25.0
N2b	5	25.0
Combined clinical stage		
T2N0	2	10.0
T2N2	1	5.0
T3N0	1	5.0
T3N1	6	30.0
T3N2	8	40.0
T4N0	1	5.0
T4N2	1	5.0