

Supplementary Table 1. Clinicopathological features of patients with NPC (491 cases)

Patients features	No. of patients (%)
NPC patients	
Gender	
Male	356 (71.34)
Female	143 (28.66)
Age	
≤45	143 (29.12)
>45	348 (70.88)
Clinical stages	
I	5 (1.01)
II	60 (12.22)
III	239 (48.68)
IV	187 (38.09)
T stage	
T1 and T2	215 (43.79)
T3 and T4	276(56.21)
N stage	
N0	58 (11.81)
N1/2/3	433 (88.19)
M stage	
M0	454 (92.46)
M1	37 (7.54)
Noncancerous nasopharyngeal tissues	
Gender	
Male	35 (70.0)
Female	15 (30.0)
Age	
≤45	16 (32.0)
>45	34 (68.0)