| Characteristics       | No. of Patients (%) | Mean of fibrocyte (SD) | P-value |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------|
| No. of Patients       | 50                  | 13.29 (10.77)          |         |
| Sex (%)               |                     |                        |         |
| Male                  | 21 (42.0)           | 14.37 (11.91)          | 0.767   |
| Female                | 29 (58.0)           | 13.42 (9.44)           |         |
| Age (%)               |                     |                        |         |
| <75                   | 30 (60.0)           | 12.20 (8.10)           | 0.238   |
| ≥75                   | 20 (40.0)           | 16.25 (13.05)          |         |
| Smoking (%)           |                     |                        |         |
| Non-smoker            | 29 (58.0)           | 13.26 (9.58)           | 0.675   |
| Smoker                | 21 (42.0)           | 14.60 (11.72)          |         |
| pT factor (%)         |                     |                        |         |
| T1                    | 37 (74.0)           | 13.24 (11.41)          | 0.246   |
| T2                    | 13 (26.0)           | 16.52 (6.69)           |         |
| T3                    | 0                   | 0 (0)                  |         |
| T4                    | 0                   | 0 (0)                  |         |
| pN factor (%)         |                     |                        |         |
| N0                    | 45 (45.0)           | 13.22 (10.66)          | 0.269   |
| N1                    | 3 (6.0)             | 19.83 (9.64)           |         |
| N2                    | 2 (4.0)             | 13.38 (2.63)           |         |
| pStage (%)            |                     |                        |         |
| I                     | 44 (88.0)           | 13.29 (10.77)          | 0.358   |
| II                    | 4 (8.0)             | 17.35 (9.39)           |         |
| III                   | 2 (4.0)             | 18.38 (2.63)           |         |

Data are combined with our previous study (16).