

Table 1. Number and proportion (%) of patients and losses at 3 years and risk (odds ratio) of loss to follow-up with 95% confidence interval by patient characteristics among female breast cancer patients diagnosed in Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, India, in 1985 and followed through 1988

Patient characteristics	Patients (n=336)		Lost to follow-up (n=80; 24%)		Odds ratio (95% CI)
	Number	% ^a	Number	% ^b	
Age at diagnosis					
≤ 44 years	101	30	22	22	1.0*
45–54	117	35	29	25	1.2 (0.6–2.3)
55–64	77	23	19	25	1.2 (0.6–2.5)
65+ years	41	12	10	24	(0.5–2.9)
Residential status (Mumbai city)					
Residents	169	50	26	15	1.0*
Non-residents	167	50	54	32	2.6 (1.5–4.6) ^c
Stage of disease (TNM summary)					
I	29	9	4	14	1.0*
II	160	48	30	19	1.5 (0.5–5.6)
III	126	37	40	32	2.9 (0.9–10.6)
IV	21	6	6	29	2.5 (0.5–12.9)
Treatment					
With chemotherapy	194	58	42	22	1.0*
Without chemotherapy	142	42	38	27	1.3 (0.8–2.3)

^a Percentage of total breast cancer cases;

^b Percentage of total cases in respective categories;

CI: Confidence interval;

* Reference category;

^cp=0.05.