

**Table 4. Number of incident cases, proportion (%) lost to follow-up and comparison of 5-year absolute survival with and without loss-adjustment for top-ranking cancers in a population-based cancer registry, Chennai, during 1990–1996 and followed through 2001**

Cancer site/type	Number of incident cases	Lost to follow-up %	5-year survival %		Absolute difference in survival
			No loss-adjustment	With loss-adjustment	
Cervix	3134	21.8	52.1	50.4	1.7
Breast	1923	20.7	39.5	39.1	0.4
Stomach	1845	8.0	9.4	8.7	0.7
Oesophagus	1403	6.7	7.7	7.5	0.2
Lung	1237	7.8	8.2	8.1	0.1
Mouth	1202	11.6	30.1	29.1	1.0
Lymphomas	768	11.5	26.5	25.6	0.9
Tongue	670	13.0	20.2	18.9	1.3
Leukaemias	668	8.2	19.8	19.2	0.6
Ovary	521	24.0	25.7	24.2	1.5