**Table I. TNM classification according to American Joint Committee**

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| T classification |  |
| T0  Tis | **No evidence of primary tumor**  **High-grade dysplasia** |
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| T1a | **Tumor invades lamina propria or muscularis mucosae** |
| T1b | **Tumor invades submucosal** |
| T2 | **Tumor invades muscularis propria** |
| T3 | **Tumor invades adventitia** |
| T4 | **Tumor invades adjacent structures** |
| T4a | **Resectable tumor invading pleura, pericardium, or diaphragm** |
| T4b | **Unresectable tumor invading other adjacent structures, such as aorta, vertebral body, trachea, etc.** |
| N classification |  |
| NX | **Regional lymph node cannot be assessed** |
| N0 | **No regional lymph node metastasis** |
| N1 | **Metastasis in 1-2 regional lymph nodes** |
| N2 | **Metastasis in 3-6 regional lymph nodes** |
| N3 | **Metastasis in 7 or more regional lymph nodes** |
| M classification |  |
| M0 | **No distant metastases** |
| M1 | **Distant metastases** |
| Histologic grade |  |
| GX | **Grade cannot be assessed: stage grouping as G1** |
| G1 | **Well differentiated** |
| G2 | **Moderately differentiated** |
| G3 | **Poorly differentiated** |
| G4 | **Undifferentiated: stage grouping as G3 squamous** |
| Histopathologic type | **Squamous cell carcinoma** |
|  | **Adenocarcinoma** |