Table 1 Demographic characteristics and clinicopathological parameters in 721 patients diagnosed with breast cancer

Characteristic	No. of cases	%
Age group (years)		
20–29	15	2.1
30–39	145	20.1
40–49	230	31.9
50–59	190	26.4
60–69	120	16.6
70+	21	2.9
Marital status		
Married	541	75.0
Unmarried	161	22.3
Widow/divorced	19	2.6
Residence		
Urban	526	72.9
Rural	195	27.1
History of breast feeding		
Positive	455	63.1
Negative	266	36.9
History of contraceptive pills		
Positive	209	29.0
Negative	512	71.0
Positive family history		
Positive	177	16.2
Negative	604	83.8
Mass was detected by:		
Patient	653	90.6
Examining physician	51	7.1
Other	17	2.3
Nodal status		
Positive	527	73.1
Negative	194	26.9
Clinical stage[a]		
I	51	7.6
II	301	45.1
III	210	31.5
IV	105	15.7
Tumour grade		
I	25	3.5
II	408	56.6
III	288	39.9
Nuclear DNA ploidy tumour content[b]		
Euploid	27	19.7
Aneuploid	110	80.3
Hormone receptor tumour content[c]		
ER +	166	65.1
PR +	115	45.1
Her-2/neu tumour expression[d]		
Positive	89	46.4
Negative	103	53.6
Total	721	

[a]Total number of patients classified according to the American Joint Committee on Cancer Staging system = 667.
[b]Total number of specimens analysed for nuclear DNA ploidy tumour content = 137.
[c]Total number of specimens analysed for HR content = 255.
[d]Total number of specimens analysed for Her-2 neu expression = 192.