

**Table 1 Demographic characteristics and clinicopathological parameters in 721 patients diagnosed with breast cancer (*concluded*)**

Characteristic	No. of cases	%
<b><i>Tumour grade</i></b>		
I	25	3.5
II	408	56.6
III	288	39.9
<b><i>Nuclear DNA ploidy tumour content<sup>b</sup></i></b>		
Euploid	27	19.7
Aneuploid	110	80.3
<b><i>Hormone receptor tumour content<sup>c</sup></i></b>		
ER +	166	65.1
PR +	115	45.1
<b><i>Her-2/neu tumour expression<sup>d</sup></i></b>		
Positive	89	46.4
Negative	103	53.6
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>721</b>	

<sup>a</sup>Total number of patients classified according to the American Joint Committee on Cancer Staging system = 667.

<sup>b</sup>Total number of specimens analysed for nuclear DNA ploidy tumour content = 137.

<sup>c</sup>Total number of specimens analysed for HR content = 255.

<sup>d</sup>Total number of specimens analysed for Her-2 neu expression = 192.