

Table 1 Alkaline phosphatase (ALP) level and clinicopathological variables in patients with oesophageal carcinoma (n = 207)

Variable	No.	%	ALP level (U/L) Mean (SD)	P-value
Sex				0.508
Male	106	51	122 (69)	
Female	101	49	129 (71)	
Type				0.848
Squamous cell carcinoma	185	95	125 (70)	
Adenocarcinoma	9	5	120 (68)	
Anatomical location				0.091
Upper	4	2	94 (19)	
Middle	70	39	115 (63)	
Lower	105	59	137 (76)	
Degree of differentiation				0.349
Good	47	27	118 (67)	
Moderate	95	53	124 (66)	
Poor	36	20	139 (72)	
Depth of penetration				0.735
T ₁ and T ₂	44	25	127 (79)	
T ₃ and T ₄	129	75	123 (68)	
Lymph nodes metastasis				0.022
Positive	78	44	141 (77)	
Negative	101	56	116 (63)	
Distant metastasis				0.429
Present	7	4	107 (42)	
Absent	170	96	128 (71)	
Lymphatic invasion				0.104
Present	68	41	134 (80)	
Absent	99	59	115 (63)	
Vascular invasion				0.001
Present	76	43	144 (68)	
Absent	101	57	106 (58)	
Perineural invasion				0.023
Present	42	25	136 (60)	
Absent	123	75	111 (63)	
Multiple cancers				0.213
Present	7	4	94 (17)	
Absent	173	96	129 (73)	

SD = standard deviation.