**Suppl 1.** Background of characteristics of patients in the study

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|  |  | **Conventional** | **Stratafix®** |
| **N = 14** | **N = 15** |
| Age | Average | 62 | (41-82) | 68 | (49-84) |
| BMI | Average | 23.8 | (16.5-30.7) | 23.9 | (18.6-33.4) |
| NAC | + | 1(7%) |  | 3(20%) |  |
|  | - | 13(93%) |  | 12(80%) |  |
| Stage | 0 | 0(0%) |  | 4(27%) |  |
|  | I | 3(21%) |  | 6(40%) |  |
|  | II | 8(56%) |  | 4(27%) |  |
|  | III | 0(0%) |  | 0(0%) |  |
|  | IV | 0(0%) |  | 1(6%) |  |