**Supplementary table S3:** Case bias analysis in the present data set.

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| **Factor** | **Cases not included**  **for analysis (n=31)** | **Cases included for**  **analysis (n=123)** | **P Value** |
| Age (years) | 46**.**48 ± 13**.**01 | 47**.**23 ± 2**.**05 | 0**.**696 |
| Duration of symptom (days) | 88**.**73 ± 147**.**31 | 74**.**54 ± 68**.**8 | 0**.**545 |
| Median survival duration (months) | 16**.**3 ± 10**.**59 | 17**.**32 ± 11**.**56 | 0**.**899 |
| Maximum follow up (months) | 41(12**.**1) | 32(2**.**6) | 0**.**724 |