**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   |