**Table 2**

**Staging of colorectal cancer**

| Dukes' stage | Stage | Definition | 5-year survival[32] |
|---|---|---|---|
| A | **Stage I** | Tumour invades mucosa or submucosa | 93.2% |
| B | **Stage II** | Tumour invades into or through the muscularis propria, no lymph node involvement | 77.0% |
| C | **Stage III** | Regional lymph nodes involved | 47.7% |
| D | **Stage IV** | Distant spread | 6.6% |