The incidence of gastric cancer in Portugal is high and
Gastric cancer in Portugal: Where do we stand, East
or West?

Results: 37% of Asian patients followed were stages
I and II, and 63% were stages III and IV. Non-Asians
patients were 51,8% in stages I and II and 48,2% in
stages III and IV. The average of retrieved lymph no-
des after dissection was 30,37% and 26,18%, in Asians
and Non-Asians, respectively. Asian patients presen-
ted 33,3% of intestinal type and 66,7% of diffuse type,
when non-Asian group presented 44,4% of intestinal
type and 53,6% of diffuse type. Finally the overall ave-
rage survival was 36,6 months in Asian patients and
57,7 months in non-Asian patients

In conclusion, the results of our institution have clinical
and pathologic resemblance with the gastric cancer of
east and west countries.

The comparison between Asian and non-Asian groups
did not demonstrated significant difference according to
stages of disease or lymph nodes dissection, but the
Asian group was more affected by diffuse type, what
may justify the lower overall average survival in these
patients.

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