A low Ki-67 PI (less than or equal to 50%) was associated with poorly differentiated histology - diffuse type - and signet ring cells (p=0.004). These patients were younger, with a lower mean survival. Like other studies already suggested, we may have two different tumors phenotypes - highly invasive with low proliferative ability. However, in this sample, no significant capability, and less invasive potential with higher metastasized.

DISCUSSÃO: Laparoscopy in the gastric cancer treatment appears to be an effective option. It is intended to preserve the oncologic principles of conventional surgery with the advantages of minimally invasive surgery.

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