

# Prognostic factors and outcome of invasive cervical cancer patients (2007-2016): a population-based analysis

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## Introduction

The objective of this study was to analyse prognostic factors and outcomes of invasive cervical cancer in a population-based setting.

## Methods

The Munich Cancer Registry (MCR) is the population based clinical cancer registry of Upper Bavaria and a part of Lower Bavaria (Southern Germany), with a catchment area of 4.9 million inhabitants.



Fig. 1: Catchment area of the Munich Cancer Registry (MCR)

2,291 cervical cancer patients diagnosed between 2007 and 2016 were analysed regarding prognostic factors and outcomes. Cumulative incidence was used to calculate time to recurrence and distant metastases. Overall survival (OS) was assessed using the Kaplan-Meier method.

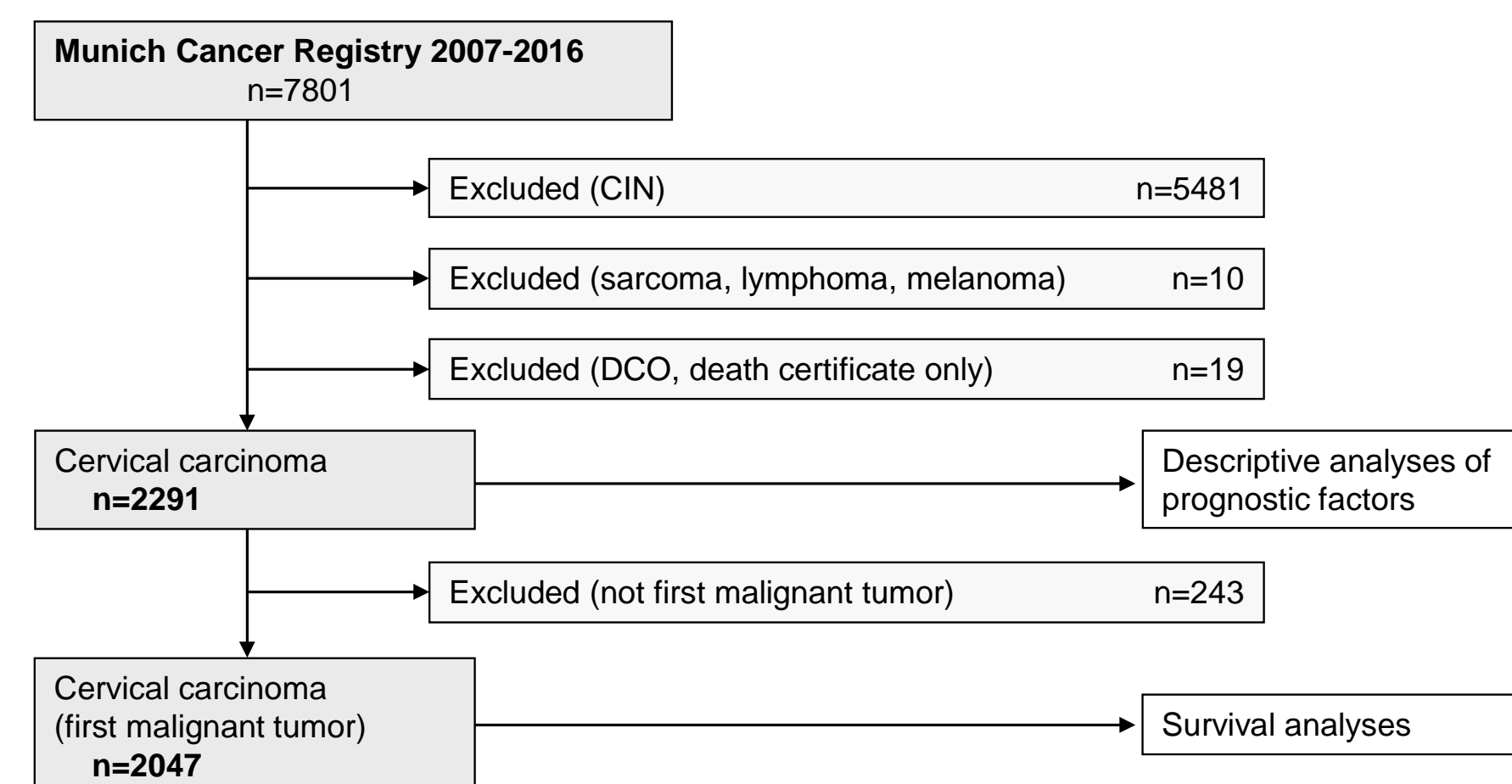


Fig. 2: Flow chart of cervical cancer patients

## Results

Table 1: Patients' and tumour characteristics

Age		Mean / Median	
		52.7 / 50.2	
Histology		n	%
Squamous cell		1703	74.3
Adeno		438	19.2
Others		150	6.6
Stage		n	%
IA1		341	16.2
IA2		66	3.1
IB1		622	29.5
IB2		142	6.7
IIA		92	4.4
IIB		311	14.7
III/IV		236	11.2
M1		301	14.3
Missing		180	7.9
Lymph node involvement		n	%
N0		1689	73.7
N+		602	26.3

The median age of patients diagnosed with cervical cancer is 50.2 years. The majority of the patients is diagnosed with a histology of squamous cell cancer at stage IA or IB. 26.3% present with lymph node involvement at the time of diagnosis, 14.3% with distant metastases (Table 1). The percentage of lymph node involvement, histopathological grading G3, lymphovascular invasion

(L1/V1), perineural invasion (Pn) and residual tumour (R1) increases with stage (Table 2).

Table 2: Prognostic factors (patients who underwent surgery)

pT	n	%	N1	G3	L1	V1	Pn	R1
1a1	200	15.1	0	20.5	5.0	0	0	1.5
1a2	61	4.6	3.3	27.9	14.8	0	0	1.6
1b1	582	44.1	12.2	44.3	28.0	3.3	1.6	2.9
1b2	117	8.9	19.7	52.1	37.6	12.8	2.6	3.4
2a	71	5.4	42.3	57.8	43.7	14.1	5.6	14.1
2b	212	16.1	43.9	54.3	55.7	27.8	14.6	15.1
3/4	22	1.7	45.5	50.0	72.7	9.1	13.6	40.9
M1	56	4.2	48.2	71.4	51.8	16.1	7.1	23.2
Total	1321	100	19.4	44.2	31.8	8.6	4.1	6.7

The 5-year overall and relative survival rates are 67.9% and 70.1%, respectively (Fig. 3).

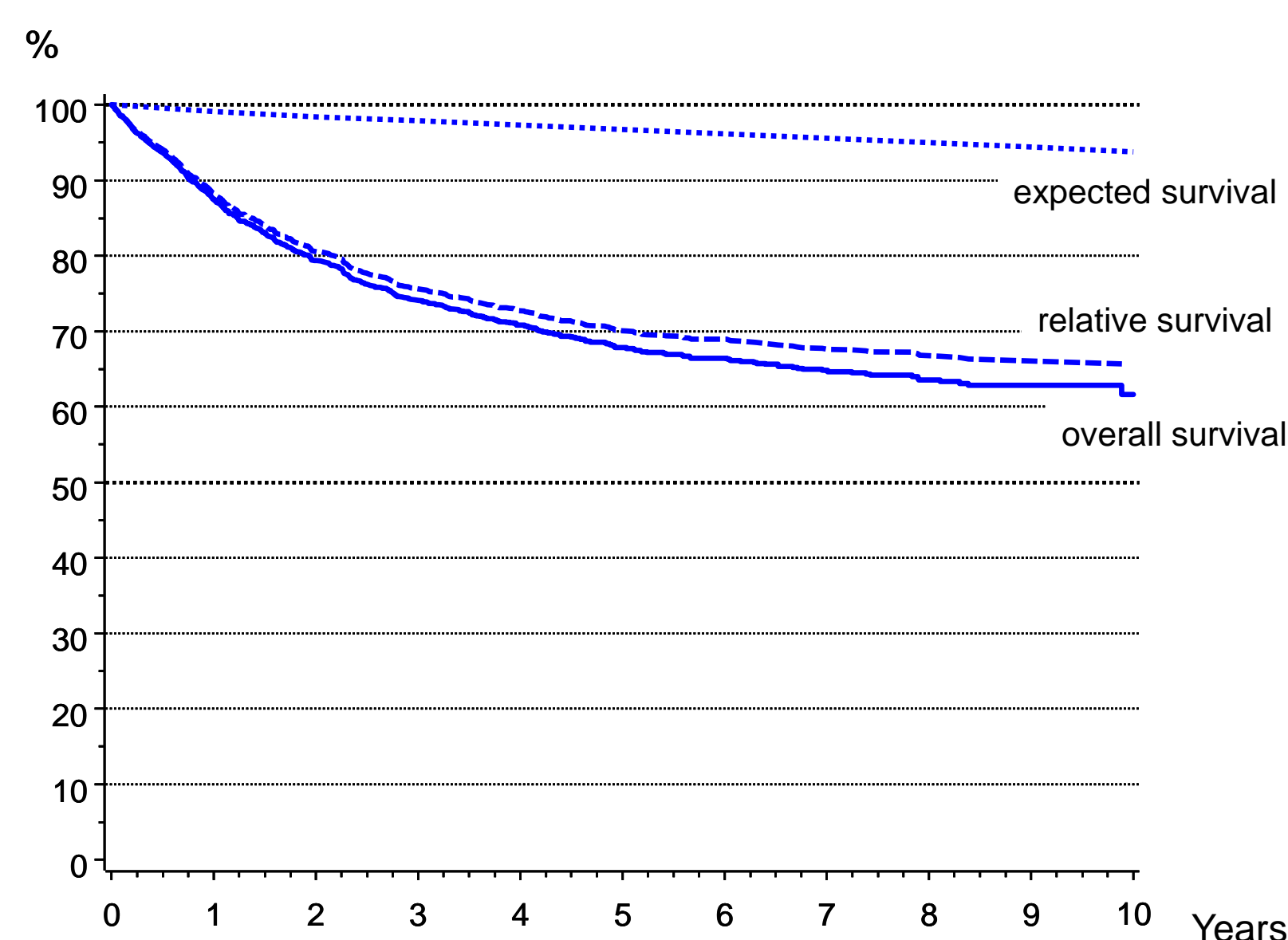


Fig. 3: Overall, relative and expected survival

5-year overall survival rates differed from 87.1% in patients younger than 40 years to 30.4% in patients older than 69 years (Fig. 4).

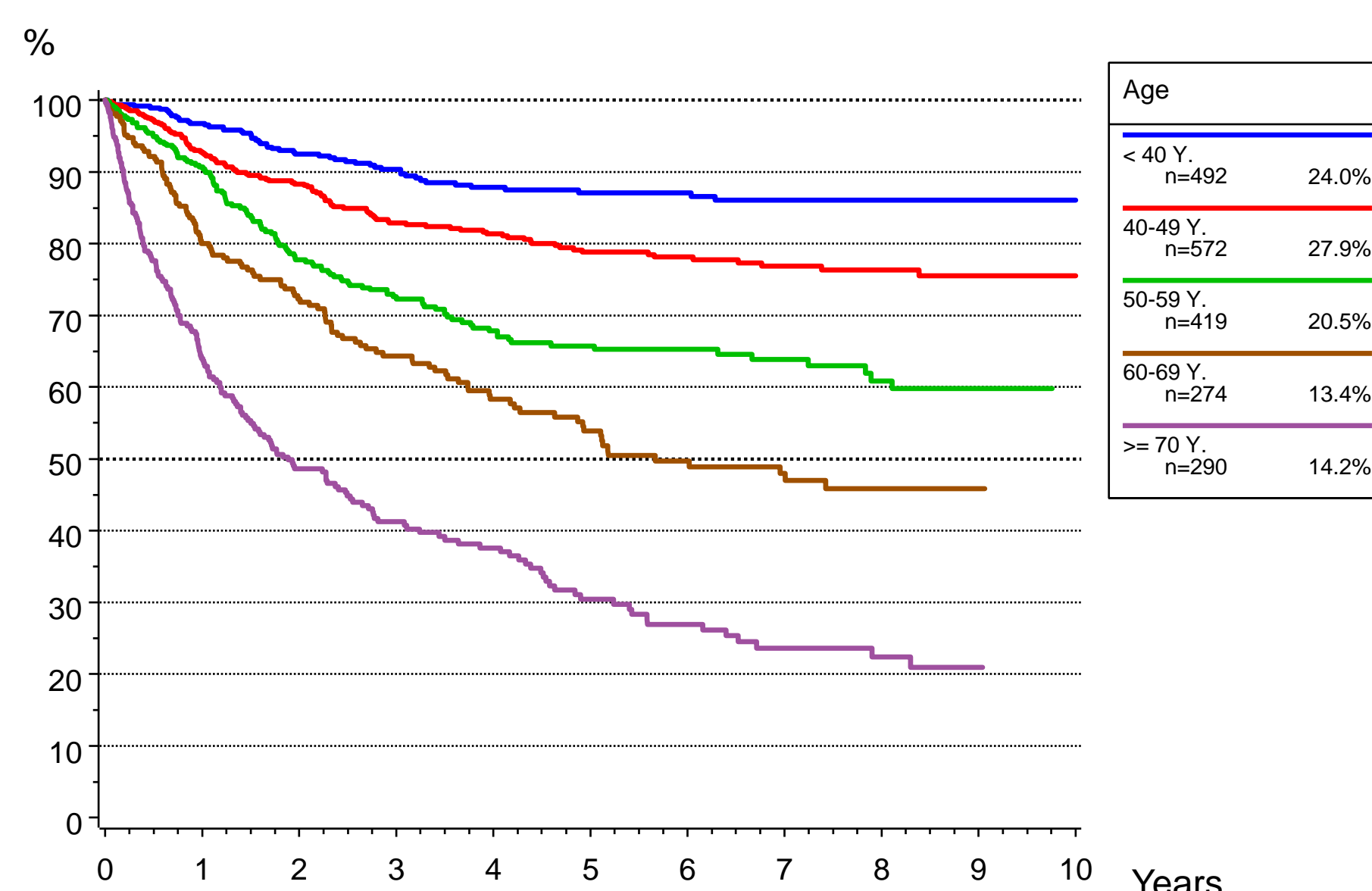


Fig. 4: Overall survival based on age

5-year overall survival rates differed from 98.9% in stage 1A1 to 16.6% in patients diagnosed with distant metastases at time of diagnosis (Fig. 5).

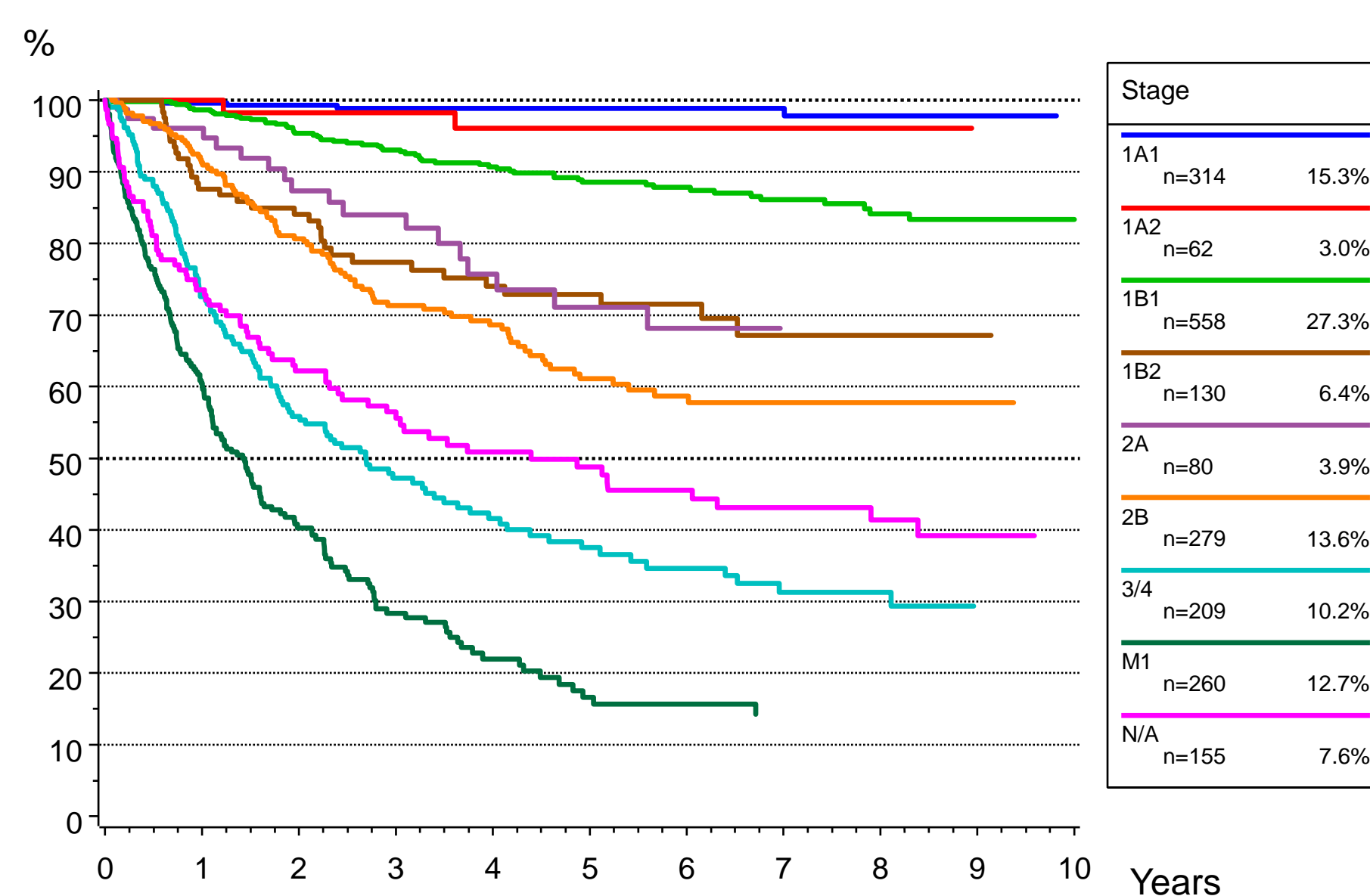


Fig. 5: Overall survival based on stage (pT/cT)

Patients diagnosed with lymph node involvement have a worse prognosis compared to patients diagnosed without lymph node involvement (5-year OS: pT1b: 87.9 vs. 79.3%, pT2: 76.6 vs 61.6%) (Fig. 6).

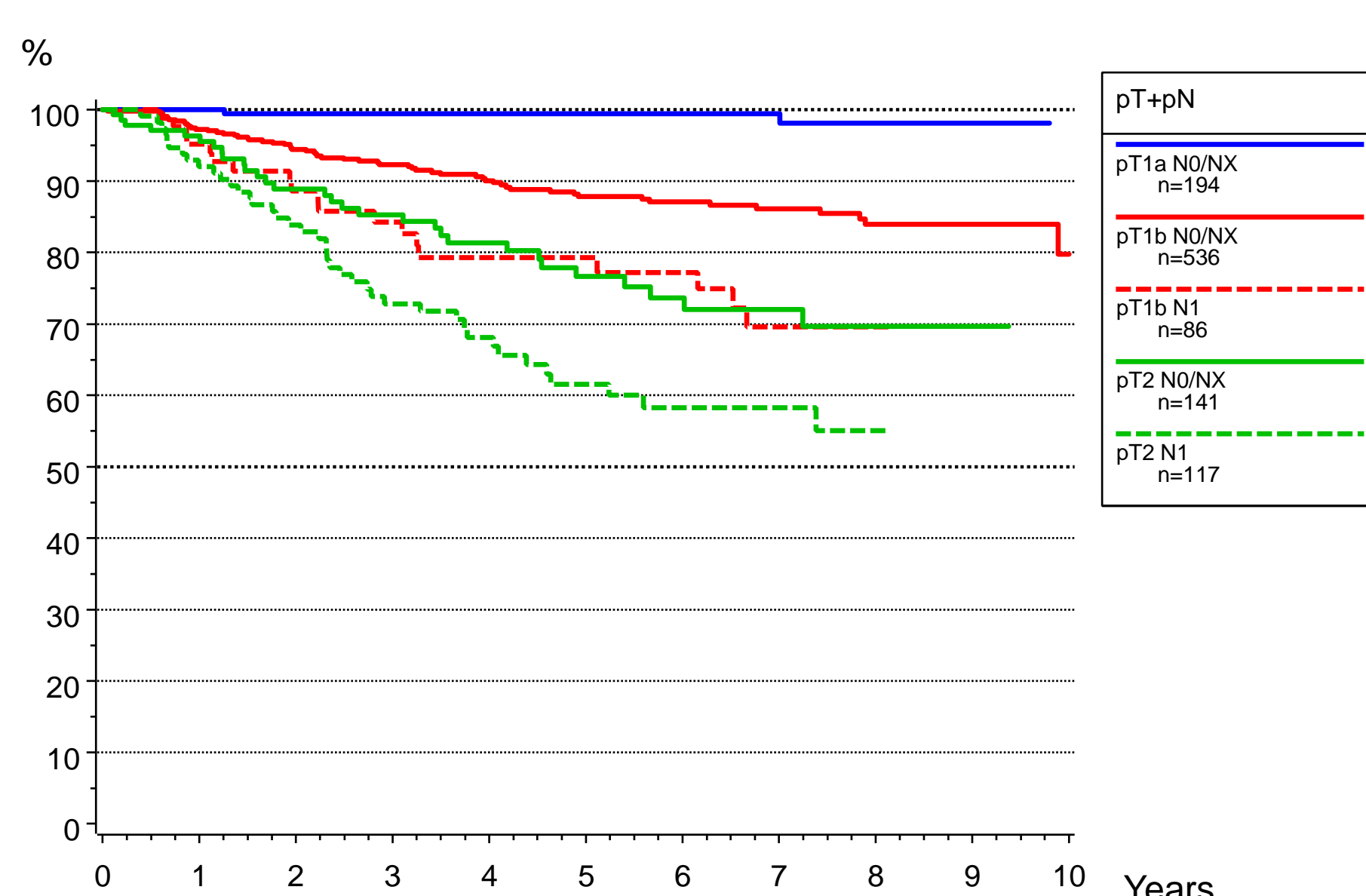


Fig. 6: Overall survival based on pT and pN (patients who underwent surgery)

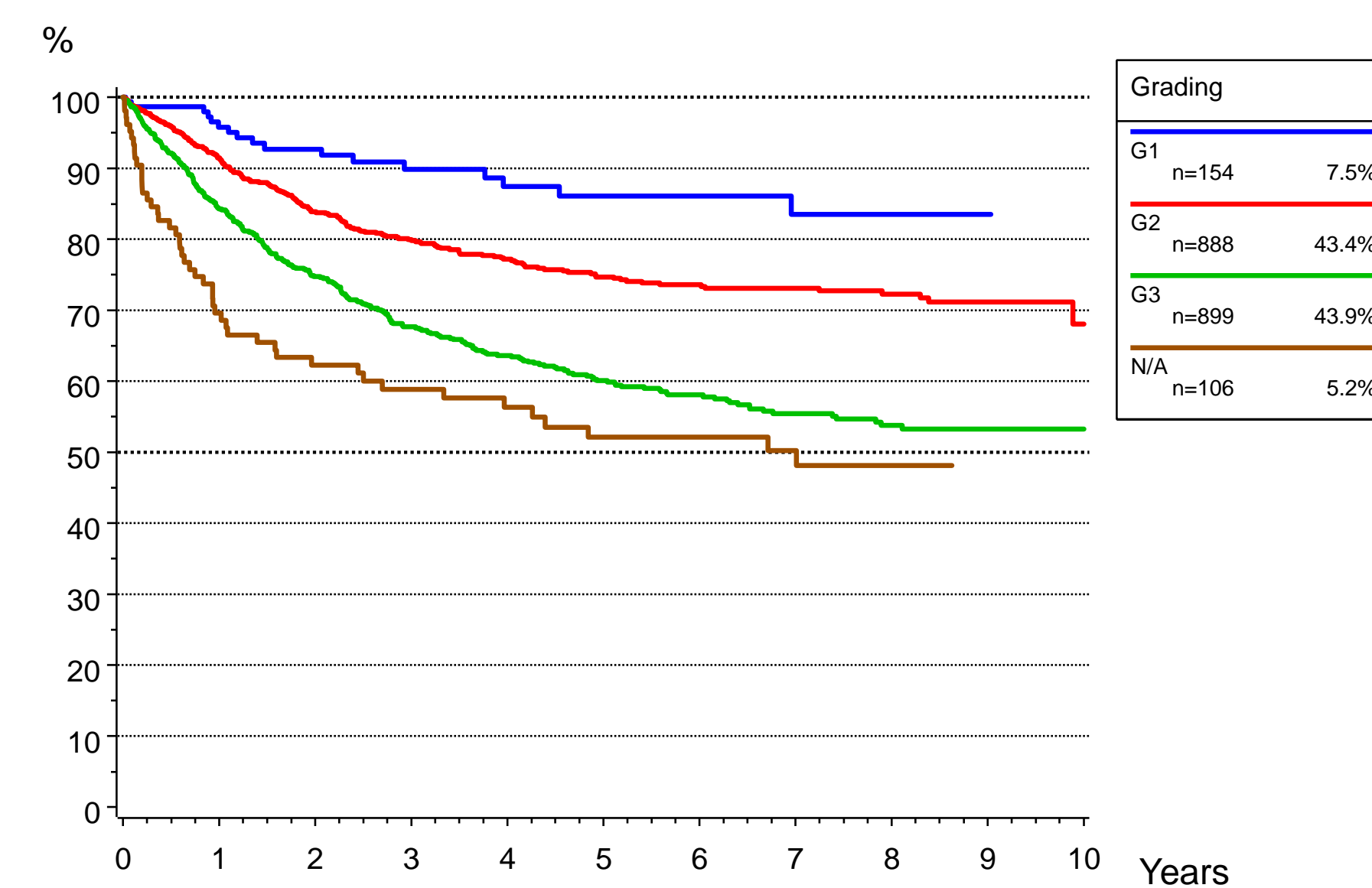


Fig. 7: Overall survival based on grading

There is no difference in overall survival between patients diagnosed with a squamous cell carcinoma compared to those diagnosed with an adenocarcinoma (5-year OS: 68.9% vs 68.8%) (Fig. 8).

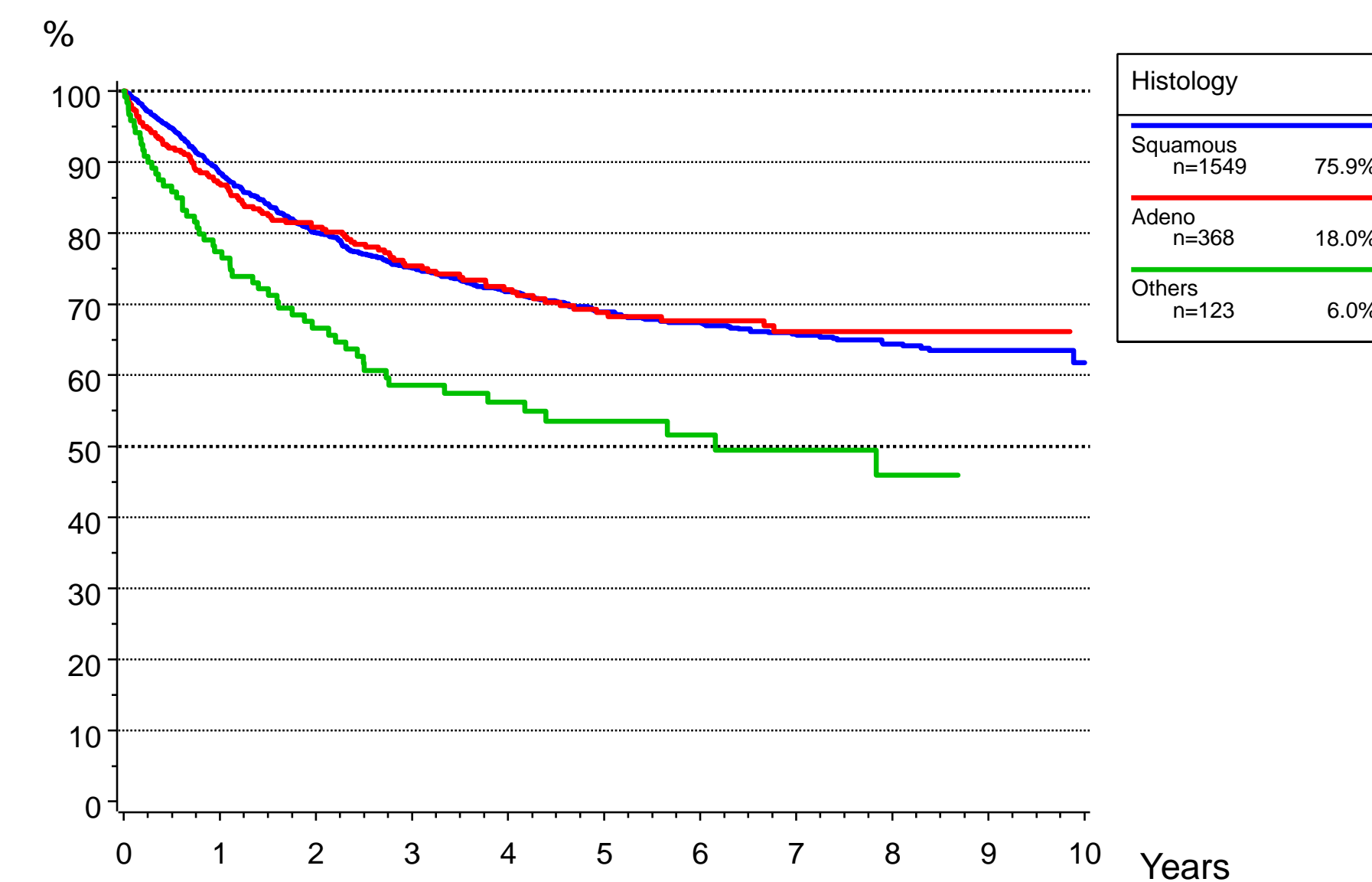


Fig. 8: Overall survival based on histology

The analysis of time to locoregional recurrence and metastasis (M0-patients) showed a resp. 5-year cumulative incidence rate of 10.0 % and 13.1% (Fig. 9).

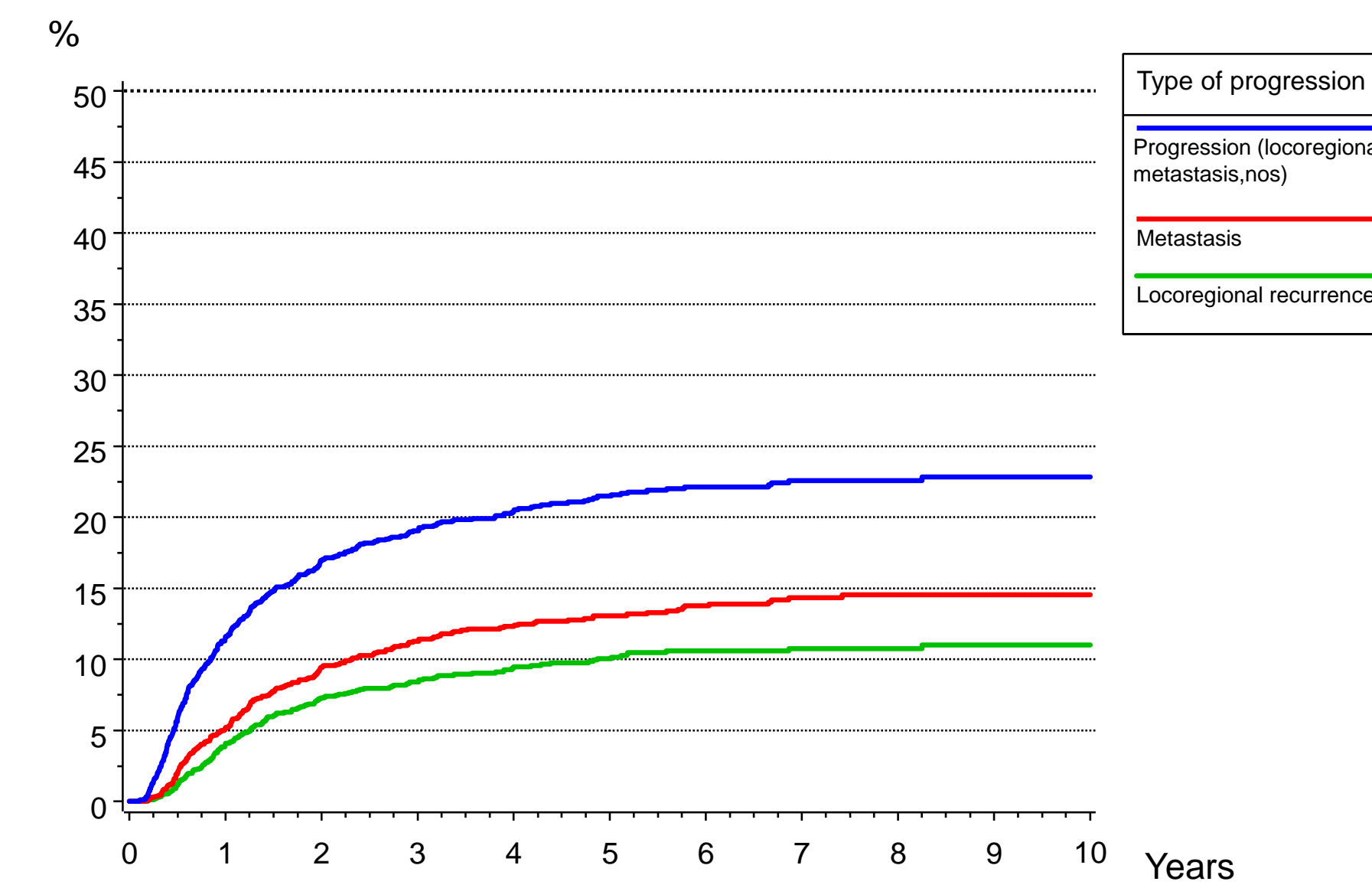


Fig. 9: Time to progression (cumulative incidence) by type of progression (locoregional recurrence, metastasis)

There is no difference in OS between patients diagnosed 2007-2011 compared to those diagnosed 2012-2016 (5-year OS: 67.2% vs 67.3%) (Fig. 10).

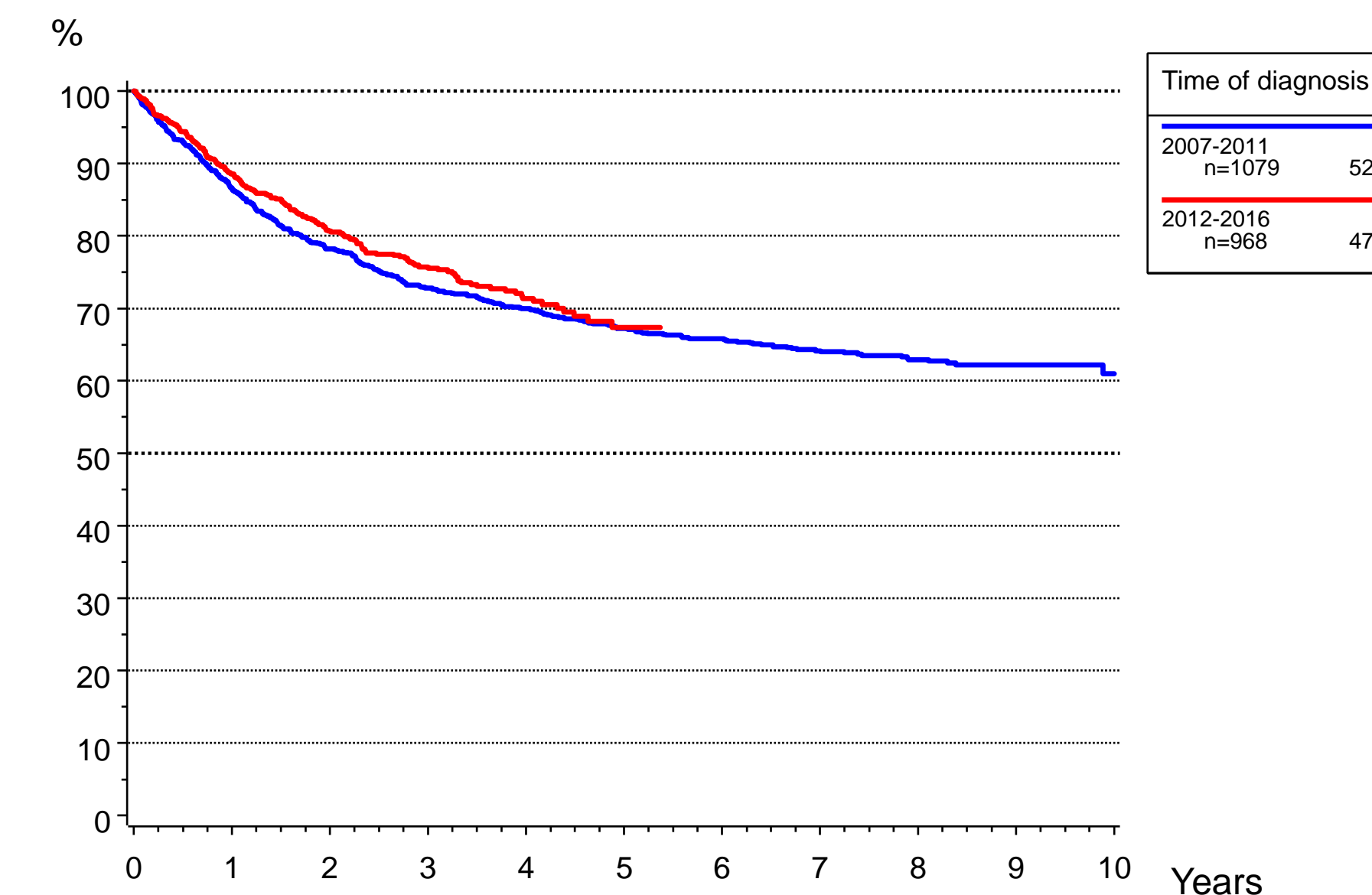


Fig. 10: Overall survival based on time of diagnosis

## Conclusions

The prognosis in cervical cancer is comparatively good, caused by the high percentage of patients diagnosed at an early stage. Unfortunately there is only a slight improvement in prognosis over time.

