

Table III. TNM Staging of Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor (GIST)

Definitions of TNM

Primary Tumor (T)	
TX	Primary tumor cannot be assessed
T0	No evidence of primary tumor
T1	Tumor 2 cm or less
T2	Tumor more than 2 cm but not more than 5 cm
T3	Tumor more than 5 cm but not more than 10 cm
T4	Tumor more than 10 cm in greatest dimension

Regional Lymph Nodes (N)	
N0	No regional lymph node metastasis*
N1	Regional lymph node metastasis
*If regional node status is unknown, use N0, not NX	

Distant Metastasis (M)	
M0	No distant metastasis
M1	Distant metastasis

Anatomic Stage / Prognostic Groups				
Group	T	N	M	Mitotic Rate
IA	T1 or T2	N0	M0	Low
IB	T3	N0	M0	Low
II	T1	N0	M0	High

	T2	N0	M0	High
	T4	N0	M0	Low
IIIA	T3	N0	M0	High
IIIB	T4	N0	M0	High
IV	Any T	N1	M0	Any rate
	Any T	Any N	M1	Any rate

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