

**Table 1 Characteristics of the 23 breast cancer patients**

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
<i>Age (years)</i>		
< 50	14	61
≥ 50	9	39
<i>WHO performance status<sup>a</sup></i>		
0	10	43
1	13	57
<i>Clinical tumour stage</i>		
T0–T1	0	0
T2	15	65
T3	2	9
Unknown	6	26
<i>Histological type</i>		
Infiltrating ductal carcinoma	20	87
Infiltrating lobular carcinoma	1	4
Mixed (ductal & lobular)	2	9
<i>Pathological nodal status</i>		
0	6	26
1–3	7	30
4–9	8	35
10+	2	9
<i>Hormone receptor status</i>		
Positive	17	74
Negative	6	26

<sup>a</sup>World Health Organization performance status: 0 = fully active and more or less as the patient was before illness; 1 = cannot carry out heavy physical work but can do everything else.