

**Table 3 Alkaline phosphatase (ALP) level and clinical morbidity and mortality after surgery in patients with oesophageal squamous cell carcinoma (n = 207)**

Variable	No.	%	ALP level (U/L) Mean (SD)	P-value
<i>Complications</i>				0.754
Present	50	28	124 (77)	
Absent	128	72	128 (70)	
<i>Pulmonary complications</i>				0.749
Present	22	11	121 (63)	
Absent	184	89	126 (71)	
<i>Cardiovascular complications</i>				0.312
Present	4	2	161 (106)	
Absent	203	98	125 (69)	
<i>Anastomotic leakage</i>				0.713
Present	25	12	121 (84)	
Absent	182	88	126 (68)	
<i>Death</i>				0.288
Yes	10	6	100 (33)	
No	168	94	125 (72)	

SD = standard deviation.