**Supplemental Digital Content 5: Table that illustrates details about patients with performed SLNB.**

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|  | **SLNB positive** | **SLNB negative** | **Patients developing metastases despite negative SLNB** |
|  | (n=28) | (n=65) | (n=15) |
| T-stage of primary tumor (1) |  |  |  |
|  T0  |  0  |  3  |  0 |
|  T1 |  2  | 10 |  1 |
|  T2 |  5 | 20 |  0 |
|  T3 |  9 | 25 |  9 |
|  T4 |  12 |  6 |  5 |
|  Unknown |  0  |  1  |  0 |
| Site of first metastasis |  |  | **Patients developing metastases despite negative SLNB** |
|  Satellitea |  |  |  7 |
|  Nodal |  |  |  6 |
|  Satellitea and nodal |  |  |  1 |
|  Distant organ metastasis |  |  |  1 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Site of metastases overall |  |  | **Patients developing metastases despite negative SLNB** |
|  Satellitea |  |  |  7 |
|  Nodal |  |  |  11 |
|  Distant organ metastasis |  |  |  12 |
|  | **SLNB positive** | **SLNB negative** |  |
|  | (n=28) | (n=65) |  |
|  | [n (%)] | [n (%)] |  |
| Ulceration of primary tumor |  |  |  |
|  Yes | 12 (42.9) | 19 (29.2) |  |
|  No | 14 (50) | 35 (53.8) |  |
|  Unknown/not applicable |  2 (7.1) | 11 (16.9) |  |

astands for satellite or in-transit metastases; SLNB, sentinel lymph node biopsy.

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