

## Baseline Characteristics After Propensity Score Matching

| Variable                            | CME (n = 26) | Conventional (n = 26) | P-value |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Median age (IQR)                    | 65.5 (55–70) | 65.0 (60–72)          | 0.908   |
| Female patient, %                   | 53.85%       | 53.85 %               | 0.842   |
| Mismatch repair deficiency, %       | 19.23 %      | 15.38 %               | 0.692   |
| ASA I or II, %                      | 87.50%       | 88.46%                | 0.841   |
| First post-operative CEA, mean (SD) | 3.29 (3.5)   | 3.31 (3.2)            | 0.886   |
| Pathologic T stage (T1 or T2), %    | 18.75%       | 19.23%                | 0.733   |
| Pathologic T stage (T3 or T4), %    | 81.25%       | 80.77%                | 0.755   |
| Pathologic N stage (N1 or N2), %    | 55.56%       | 54.17%                | 0.792   |