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Appendix 3: Pathology review

The Pathology Committee of ERSPC.

Composition and mandate: the Pathology Committee of the ERSPC is composed of the reference pathologists representing one of each ERSPC screening center (see below for list of members). Their mandate is to enhance the application of the guidelines on reporting of prostate biopsies of participants of the screening arm of the ERSPC trial (see documentation 1, below).

Objectives of the Pathology Committee:

- 1) To guard the uniformity in tissue processing and nomenclature of diagnosis and staging terms in the histopathological reporting of sextant needle biopsies taken from participants of the screening arm of the ERSPC trial.
- 2) To enhance the quality of histopathological diagnosis of prostate biopsies.
- 3) To reduce the inter-observer variation among screening centers particularly with regard to Gleason score of prostatic adenocarcinomas.

Duties of the members of the Pathology Committee

- 1) Supervision of the pathology reporting of the prostate biopsies obtained from participants in the ERSPC screening centers. In most centers the reference pathologists reviewed all needle biopsies of patients with a diagnosis of adenocarcinoma or a lesion suspicious for carcinoma. They further provide low threshold (intradepartmental) inter-collegial consultations for prostate biopsy diagnostics. In a few centers the reference pathologists examines and reports all prostate biopsies of the participants of the screening arm of the ERSPC trial.
- 2) Attendance of the annual Pathology Committee used for discussion of issues regarding quality assurance, uniform reporting and Gleason scoring.
- 3) Participation in slide reviews and educational sessions, designed for reduction of inter-observer variation of Gleason score and diagnosis.

Actions to reduce inter-observer variation for Gleason score on prostate biopsies:

- 1) Educational sessions using multiheader microscope.
- 2) Inter-observer studies using virtual microscopy (see Helin H, Lundin M, Lundin J, Martikainen P, Tammela T, Helin H, Van der Kwast TH. Web-based virtual microscopy in teaching and standardizing Gleason grading. *Hum Pathol.* 2005; 36: 381-386).
- 3) On site review of prostate biopsies of the Finnish ERSPC trial by two members of the pathology committee (Van der Kwast, Hoedemaeker) in order to improve grading consistency (see document 2 for details).

Documents / publications produced by the Pathology Committee of the ERSPC:

1. Guideline documents accepted at the Consensus Workshop on Prostatic Screening held in Antwerp (see Denis L, Murphy GP, Schröder FH. *Cancer* 1995; 75: 1178-1207): van der Kwast TH, Lopes C, Santonja C, Pihl C-G, Martikainen P, Di Lollo S, Bubendorf L, Hoedemaeker RF, and members of the pathology committee of the ERSPC. Guidelines for processing and reporting of prostatic needle biopsies. *J. Clin Path* 2003; 56:336-40.
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Health Council of the Netherlands	15-12-2000	2000/05
Health Council of the Netherlands	24-07-2007	2007/03

Belgium		
Institution	Date of issue	Record number
Ministry of the Flemish Community, the minister of welfare, national health and family	1999	ZG/PET/ERSPC 06031
Ministry of the Flemish Community, the minister of welfare, national health and family	2002	ZG/PET/ERSPC 06031
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Sweden		
Institution	Date of issue	Record number
University of Goteborg	02-02-1994	463-93
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Finland		
Institution	Date of issue	Record number
Population Register Centre	15-12-1995	1058/40/95
City of Helsinki, Office for Health Care	04-06-1996	6/96
City of Vantaa	02-02-1996	6/96
Ministry of Social Affairs and Health in Finland	01-10-1999	51/07/1999
City of Tampere	13-12-2000	7649/403/2000
Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa	29-01-2001	55/2000
Helsinki University Hospital	28-05-2001	249/2001
The National Authority for Medico legal Affairs	27-02-2002	601/32/300/02
Statistics Finland	19-12-2003	TK-53-1610-03
National Institute of Health and Welfare	2010	THL/1752/5.05.00/2010
Pirkanmaa Hospital District (Tampere University Hospital)	07-12-2010	R10617/13/2010

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Centro per lo Studio e la Prevenzione Oncologica Firenze	03-06-1996	1996/06/03

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Appendix Table 1: ERSPC – Randomization, participants and results of screening per center (all ages, cut-off date December 31- 2010, data truncated at 13 years of follow-up.

Period of randomization	Netherlands Nov 1993 – March 2000	Belgium June 1991- Dec 2003	Sweden 31-Dec-04	Finland Jan 1996- Jan 1999	Italy Oct 1996 – Oct 2000	Spain Feb 1996 – June 1999	Switzerland Sep 1998 - Aug-03	Total Excluding France	Herault June 2003 – Mar 2005	Tarn Dec 2000 – June 2004	Total
Median age at randomisation (yrs)	63.2	64.1	56.4	58.7	62.0	56.6	61.0	60.1	62.6	61.7	61.2
Randomized – N	42,368	10,359	19,911	80,379	14,971	3,702	10,309	181,999	62039	22473	266,511
- screening	21,206	5,188	9,957	31,970	7,497	1,840	5,158	82,816	31,024	11,423	125,263
- control	50.1%	50.1%	50.0%	39.8%	50.1%	49.7%	50.0%	45.5%	50.0%	50.8%	47.0%
	21,162	5,171	9,954	48,409	7,474	1,862	5,151	99,183	31,015	11,050	141,248
	49.9%	49.9%	50.0%	60.2%	49.9%	50.3%	50.0%	54.5%	50.0%	49.2%	53.0%
Screened at least once N	19970	4682	7558	23771	5896	1840	5015	68,732	7587	4352	80,671
(%)	(94.2)	(90.2)	(75.9)	(74.4)	(78.6)	(100.0)	(97.2)	(83.0)	(24.5)	(38.1)	(64.4)
Screen tests done – N	43491	7280	31152	52142	13022	3317	12561	162,965	7587	5646	176,198
Mean no of screens / man screened	2.2	1.6	4.1	2.2	2.2	1.8	2.5	2.4	1.0	1.3	2.2
Positive tests – N	10671	1213	5042	5925	1491	543	2678	27,563	1183	847	29,593
(%)	(24.5)	(16.7)	(16.2)	(11.4)	(11.4)	(16.4)	(21.3)	(16.9)	(15.6)	(15.0)	(16.8)
Biopsies – N	9499	849	4393	5404	923	394	2088	23,550	342	430	24,322
(% of screen positive)	(89.0)	(70.0)	(87.1)	(91.2)	(61.9)	(72.6)	(78.0)	(85.4)	(28.9)	(50.8)	(82.2)
Prostate cancers											
Screening cohort total – N	2643	500	1082	3018	417	115	596	8371	1320	573	10264
Screen detected N	2120	214	861	1631	202	78	447	5553	174	123	5850
Interval and Non attender N	523	286	221	1387	215	37	149	2818	1146	450	4414
PPV (S det cancers/biopsy, %)	22.3	25.2	19.6	30.2	21.9	19.8	21.4	23.6	50.9	28.6	24.1
Cumulative incidence (total cancers / all rand. To S arm, %)	12.5	9.6	10.9	9.4	5.6	6.3	11.6	10.1	4.3	5.0	8.2
Prostate cancers											
Control group – N	1353	414	654	3609	301	66	310	6707	1204	522	8433
Cumulative incidence (%)	(6.4)	(8.0)	(6.6)	(7.5)	(4.0)	(3.5)	(6.0)	(6.8)	(3.9)	(4.7)	(6.0)
Mean Follow up (years)	11.2 (3.1)	10.7 (3.3)	12.0 (2.7)	11.4 (3.0)	11.3	12.0	9.8 (2.0)	11.3 (2.9)	6.2 (1.1)	7.3 (1.5)	9.8 (3.4)
Median follow-up (years)	12.8 (1.8)	13.0 (4.2)	13.0 (0)	13.0 (1.0)	12.6	12.6	10.2 (2.5)	13.0 (1.8)	6.4 (0.6)	7.5 (0)	11.4 (6.4)

Appendix tables 2a and 2b: Prostate cancer incidence and mortality in the intervention and control arms during 3 time periods – All ages, France excluded except for Years 1-9

a) Prostate cancer incidence

	Intervention			Control			Rate Ratio ¹ (95% CI)	Rate difference per 1000 persons year (95% CI)	Rate difference per 1000 men
	Prostate Cancer N	Person years	Rate per 1000 person years	Prostate Cancer N	Person years	Rate per 1000 person years			
Year 1-9 inc France	8777	929592	9.44	6258	1080759	5.79	1.64 (1.59-1.70)	3.69 (3.44-3.94)	26.5
Years 1-9	6884	663471	10.38	4533	816211	5.55	1.91 (1.83- 1.98)	4.92 (4.62-5.22)	38.3
Years 1-11	7643	784291	9.75	5779	967490	5.97	1.66 (1.60 - 1.73)	3.88 (3.60 -4.15)	35.2
Years 1-13	8371	879450	9.52	6707	1086705	6.17	1.57 (1.52 – 1.63)	3.46 (3.20 – 3.72)	34.9

¹ Adjusted by centre

B: Prostate cancer mortality (France included years 1 – 9)										
	Intervention			Control			Rate Ratio ¹ (95% CI)	Rate difference per 1000 persons year (95% CI)	Rate difference per 1000 men	Adjusted rate ratio in attenders
	Prostate Cancer deaths N	Person years	Rate per 1000 person years	Prostate Cancer deaths N	Person years	Rate per 1000 person years				
Years 1-9	226	696395	0.32	313	832917	0.38	0.86 (0.72-1.03) p=0.10	-0.05 (-0.11 - +0.01)	-0.43	
Years 1-11	314	829341	0.38	465	992742	0.47	0.80 (0.69 – 0.93) P=0.004	-0.09 (-0.15 - -0.03)	-0.92	0.75 (0.62 -0.91)
Years 1-13	427	935185	0.46	610	1120432	0.54	0.83 (0.73- 0.94) p = 0.004	-0.09 (-0.16 - -0.03)	-1.05	0.78 (0.66-0.92)

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Appendix table 3: Numbers needed to be invited (NNI) and numbers needed to be detected (NND)

Follow-up periods 11 and 13 years, all ages, France excluded.

	11 years of follow-up		13 years of follow-up	
	NNI (95% CI)	NND	NNI (95% CI)	NND
Excl. France	1091 (647 - 3462)	37	953 (563 – 3093)	33

Appendix table 4: Prostate cancer mortality for individual centres – core age group, FU truncated at 13 years.

Center	Intervention arm			Control arm			Rate ratio (95% CI)
	Deaths	Person years	Rate p.1000 p.years	Deaths	Person years	Rate p.1000 p.years	
Netherlands	85	199958	0.43	126	199165	0.63	0.67 (0.51 – 0.88)
Belgium	18	46939	0.38	23	45932	0.50	0.77 (0.41 – 1.42)
Sweden	38	69152	0.55	62	69498	0.89	0.62 (0.41 – 0.92)
Finland	170	365529	0.47	284	553046	0.51	0.91 (0.75 – 1.10)
Italy	26	82457	0.32	32	81715	0.39	0.81 (0.48– 1.35)
Spain	2	12594	0.16	4	13583	0.29	0.54 (0.10 – 2.94)
Switzerland	16	48388	0.33	14	48253	0.29	1.14 (0.56 – 2.33)

The result of the heterogeneity test is $\chi^2_6 = 5.95$ ($p = 0.43$).

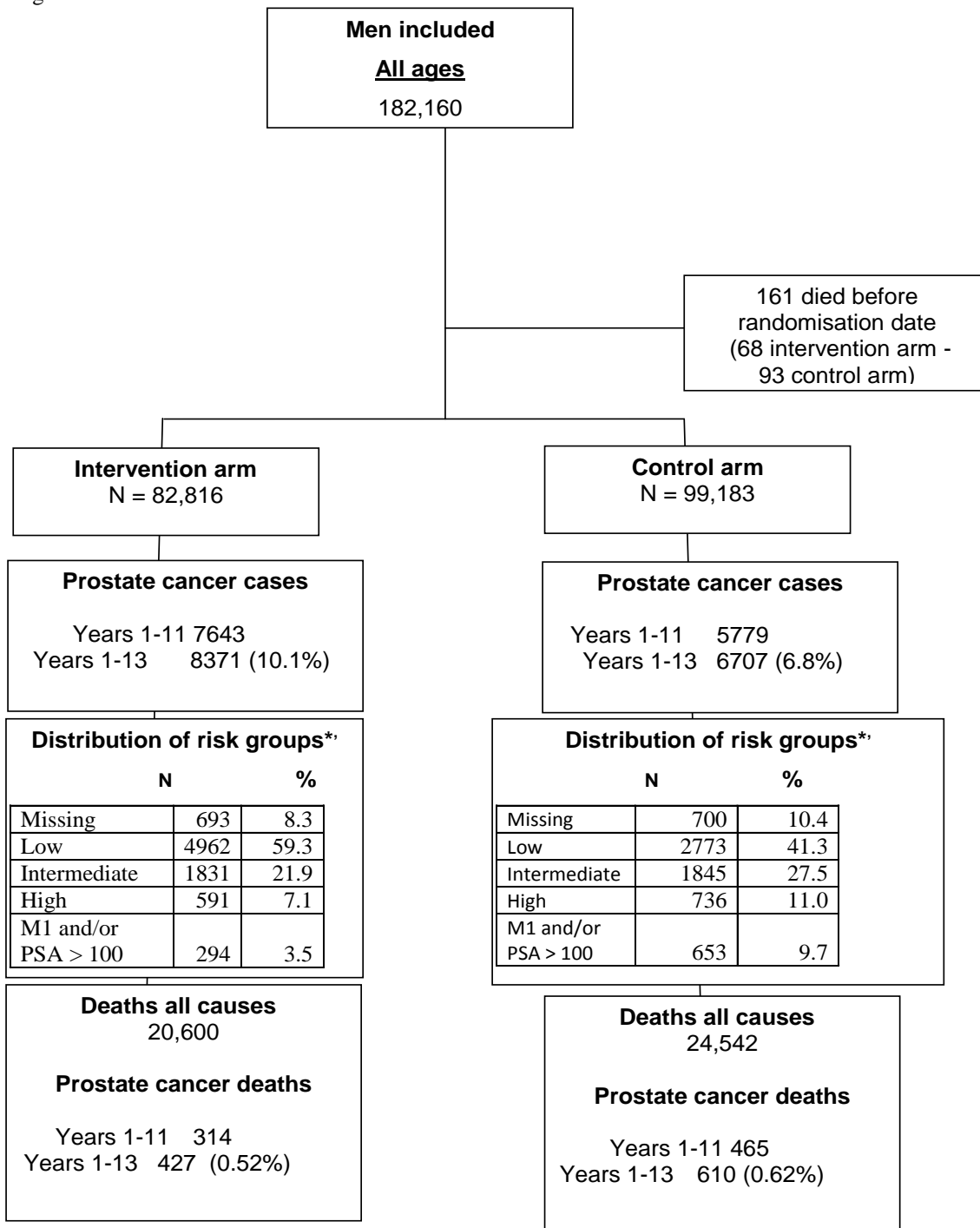
Appendix table 5: T1c cancers, core age group, excluding France (n = number of T1c cancers)

	Year			
Arm	1	4	8	12
Intervention (n)	733	136	186	117
Follow-up (years)	71089.84	67121.73	60179.52	47279.88
Rate per 1.000 person years	10.31	2.03	3.09	2.47
Control (n)	75	159	282	218
Follow-up (years)	88282.97	83738.10	76035.44	60903.35
Rate per 1.000 person years	0.85	1.90	3.71	3.58

Appendix Figure 1: Flow diagram of the ERSPC trial; all ages. Excluding France

Appendix Figure 2: Nelson Aalen estimates of cumulative PCa mortality: all ages

Figure 1



* Low risk= T1,T2 with Gleason score (GS) <= 6; Intermediate risk = T1,T2 with GS 7 and T3 with GS <=7; High risk = T1,T2,T3 with GS 8-10 and T4 with any GS; M1 and/or PSA > 100 = any T stage or GS with M1 and/or PSA > 100

Figure 2

