

Supplementary Appendix

A Phase III randomized controlled trial of Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy in localized prostate cancer

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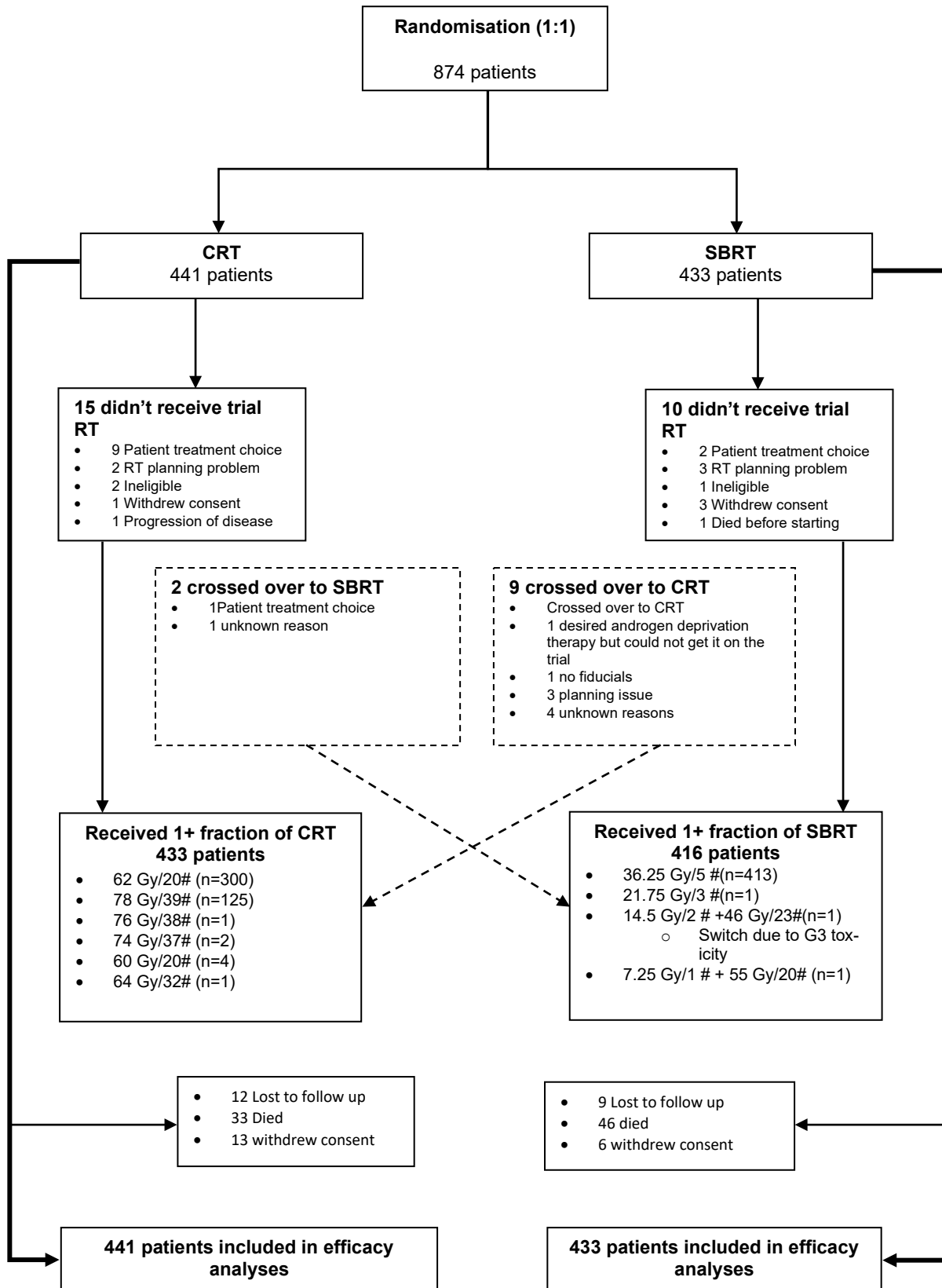
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S2. PACE: Recruiting centres across the UK, Ireland and Canada

Centre Name	PI	Date site open	Centre months open	Number patients recruited
Royal Marsden Hospital, London, UK	Dr Van As	Aug 12	65	172
Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, UK	Dr Ostler	Jan 13	60	114
James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough, UK	Dr Van der Voet	20 Oct 15	26	110
Odette Cancer Centre, Toronto, Canada	Dr Chu	10 Feb 16	22	83
Churchill Hospital, Oxford, UK	Dr Camilleri	12 Oct 15	26	41
Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, UK	Dr Ford	13 Nov 15	25	36
Leicester Royal Infirmary, Leicester, UK	Dr Kancherla	25 Jul 16	17	34
Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK	Dr Frew	21 Oct 15	26	30
UH Coventry & Warwickshire, Coventry, UK	Dr Chan	03 Dec 15	25	30
Clatterbridge Cancer Centre, Wirral, UK	Dr Tolan	24 May 16	19	25
Juravinski Cancer Centre, Hamilton, Canada	Dr Dayes	27 Jan 17	11	24
Belfast City Hospital, Belfast, UK	Dr Jain	21 Oct 15	26	21
St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, UK	Dr Wells	23 Aug 16	16	17
Hôpital Charles-LeMoyne, Longueuil, Canada	Dr Lymberiou	23 May 17	7	14
Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, UK	Dr Martin	13 Jan 16	23	13
Nottingham City Hospital, Nottingham, UK	Dr Saunders	21 Jun 16	18	11
Royal Free Hospital, London, UK	Dr Vilarino-Varela	18 Jan 17	11	11
Hôpital Maisonneuve-Rosemont, Montreal, Canada	Dr Vavassis	14 Sep 17	3	11
Walker Family Cancer Centre, St. Catharines, Canada	Dr Tsakiridis	03 Apr 17	9	9
Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon, UK	Dr Russell	20 Jan 16	23	7
Northeast Cancer Centre, Sudbury, Canada	Dr Carlson	19 Oct 16	14	7
London Health Sciences Centre, Ottawa, Canada	Dr Rodrigues	11 Aug 17	4	7
Velindre Cancer Centre, Wales, UK	Dr Tanguay	28 Jun 17	6	6
Sunderland Royal Hospital, Sunderland, UK	Dr Iqbal	03 Jun 16	19	5
Charing Cross Hospital, London, UK	Mr Winkler	13 Sep 16	15	5
Ottawa Hospital, Ottawa, Canada	Dr Morgan	23 Aug 17	4	5
Beacon Hospital, Dublin, Ireland	Dr Mihai	03 Mar 17	10	4
Lakeridge Health, Oshawa, Canada	Dr Li	09 Mar 17	9	4
Weston Park Hospital, Sheffield, UK	Dr Din	16 Aug 17	4	4
Lincoln County Hospital, Lincoln, UK	Dr Panades	14 Mar 17	9	3
Norfolk & Norwich UH, Norwich, UK	Dr Wade	01 Jun 17	7	3
West Suffolk Hospital, Bury Saint Edmunds, UK	Dr Martin	21 Jun 16	18	2
St Luke's Research Oncology Network, Dublin, Ireland	Dr Armstrong	18 Aug 17	4	2
Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, UK	Dr Panades	30 Mar 17	9	1
Glan Clwyd, North Wales, UK	Dr Oommen	07 Aug 17	4	1
University College London Hospital, London, UK	Dr Mitra	03 Mar 17	10	0
The Beatson, Glasgow, UK	Dr Dodds	04 Oct 17	3	0
Total			615	874

S3. PACE: B Consort flow chart



S4. Concomitant medications used at baseline by randomised treatment group

Alpha blockers at randomisation						
Yes	68	(15.4)	72	(16.6)	140	(16.0)
No	368	(83.4)	356	(82.2)	724	(82.8)
Unknown	5	(1.1)	5	(1.2)	10	(1.1)
Aspirin at randomisation						
Yes	80	(18.1)	73	(16.9)	153	(17.5)
No	356	(80.7)	354	(81.8)	710	(81.2)
Unknown	5	(1.1)	6	(1.4)	11	(1.3)
Statin at randomisation						
Yes	159	(36.1)	137	(31.6)	296	(33.9)
No	277	(62.8)	289	(66.7)	566	(64.8)
Unknown	4	(0.9)	7	(1.6)	12	(1.4)
Anticholinergic for bladder symptoms at randomisation						
Yes	14	(3.2)	12	(2.8)	26	(3.0)
No	423	(95.9)	415	(95.8)	838	(95.9)
Unknown	4	(0.9)	6	(1.4)	10	(1.1)
5-alpha reductase inhibitors at randomisation						
Yes	9	(2.0)	11	(2.5)	20	(2.3)
No	422	(95.7)	402	(92.8)	824	(94.3)
Unknown	10	(2.3)	20	(4.6)	30	(3.4)
Phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitors for erectile dysfunction at randomisation						
Yes	13	(3.0)	6	(1.4)	19	(2.3)
No	408	(94.9)	393	(94.9)	801	(94.9)
Unknown	9	(2.1)	15	(3.6)	24	(2.8)

S5. PACE: Radiotherapy treatment delivery by treatment received

Treatment Characteristics	CRT (N=433)		SBRT (N=415)		Total (N=848)	
	n	%	n	%	n	%
Fiducial markers inserted?						
Yes	245	57	303	73	548	65
No	188	43	112	27	300	35
Planned Radiotherapy technique						
Static field IMRT	92	21	1*	0	93	11
VMAT	322	74	242	59	564	67
Cyberknife	0	0	169	41	169	20
Other	19	4	3	1	22	2
Overall treatment time						
1 week	0	0	87	21	87	10
2 weeks	0	0	311	75	311	37
3 weeks	0	0	17	4	17	2
4 weeks	135	31	0	0	135	16
5 weeks	167	39	0	0	167	20
6 weeks	2	0	0	0	2	0
7 weeks	1	0	0	0	1	0
8 weeks	60	14	0	0	60	7
9 weeks	68	16	0	0	68	8

*Patient randomised to CRT but received SBRT

S6. Efficacy outcome measures by randomised treatment group

Endpoint	Number of events	Kaplan Meier 5-year estimate	Unadjusted HR	Adjusted HR ¹
	n/patients; %	proportion event free 95% CI	95%CI	95% CI
Biochemical or clinical failure				
CRT	36/441 (8.2)	94.6 (91.9, 96.4)	0.73 (0.44, 1.21)	0.72 (0.43, 1.19)
SBRT	26/433 (6.0)	95.8 (93.3, 97.4)		
Overall survival				
CRT	33/441 (7.5)	96.4 (94.2,97.8)	1.41 (0.90, 2.20)	1.40 (0.89, 2.19)
SBRT	46/433 (10.6)	93.4 (90.6, 95.4)		
Commencement of hormones				
CRT	19/441 (4.3)	97.3 (95.3,98.5)	0.55 (0.26,1.20)	0.55 (0.25, 1.19)
SBRT	10/433 (2.3)	98.5 (96.8, 99.3)		
Distant disease				
CRT	7/441 (1.6)	98.8 (97.1,99.5)	0.58 (0.17,1.99)	0.57 (0.16, 1.96)
SBRT	4/433 (0.9)	99.3 (97.7, 99.8)		
Disease free survival				
CRT	62/441 (14.0)	91.5 (88.3,93.8)	1.10 (0.78, 1.55)	1.50 (0.74, 3.08)
SBRT	68/433 (15.7)	89.6 (86.3, 92.2)		
Disease specific survival				
CRT	2/441 (0.5)	100 ²	0.94 (0.13, 6.69)	0.90 (0.13, 6.42)
SBRT	2/433 (0.5)	100 ²		

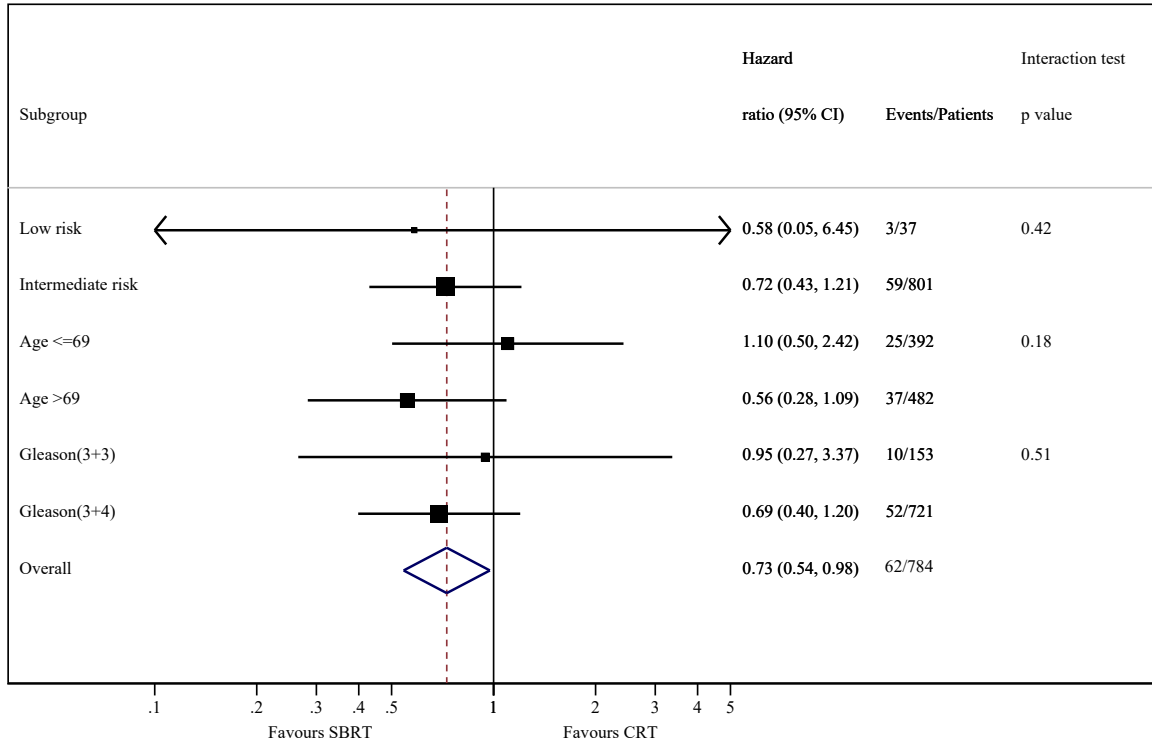
¹ Cox model adjusted for NCCN risk group

² All prostate cancer deaths occurred after 5 years

Events contributing to the primary endpoint by randomised treatment group

Type of first event N (%)	CRT N=441	SBRT N=433	Total N=874
Primary endpoint event	36 (8.2)	26 (6.0)	62 (7.1)
Biochemical failure	27 (6.1)	20 (4.6)	47 (5.4)
Local recurrence	2 (0.5)	2 (0.5)	4 (0.5)
Nodal recurrence	4 (0.9)	1 (0.2)	5 (0.6)
Distant metastases	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	2 (0.2)
Prostate cancer death	2 (0.5)	2 (0.5)	4 (0.5)

S7. Univariable subgroup analyses of biochemical and/or clinical failure comparing SBRT with CRT



Hazard ratio and 95% confidence intervals are shown for the primary end point event of biochemical/clinical failure between two groups.

Note: There were very small number of biochemical and/or clinical failure events reported in the low risk group (CRT (2), SBRT (1))

S8. Tabulation of causes of death

	CRT (N=441)		SBRT (N=433)		Total (N=874)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total number of deaths	33	7.5	46	10.6	79	9.0
Cause of deaths						
Prostate cancer	2	0.5	2	0.5	4	0.5
Primary cause of death (Not related to prostate cancer)						
Other primary malignancy	10	2.3	18	3.9	28	3.2
CVS - stroke	3	0.7	2	0.5	5	0.6
CVS - MI	2	0.5	3	0.7	5	0.6
CVS - PE	1	0.2	4	0.9	5	0.6
CVS Other	3	0.5	1	0.2	4	0.5
Bronchopneumonia	2	0.5	1	0.2	3	0.3
Other respiratory	5	1.1	5	1.2	10	1.1
Septicaemia	1	0.2	2	0.5	3	0.3
Other*	4	1.1	8	2.1	12	1.4

*CRT:2-unobtainable, 1-cerebral bleeding post coronography,1-old age

SBRT: 2-unobtainable, 5-unknown, 1-dementia

S9. Clinician reported toxicity at 5 years post treatment by treatment received

Worst RTOG toxicity at 5 years post treatment by treatment received

Worst Grade	GI		GU	
	CRT	SBRT	CRT	SBRT
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)
0	309 (87.0)	319 (90.1)	282 (79.4)	261 (73.5)
1	45 (12.7)	32 (9.0)	57 (16.1)	68 (19.2)
2	1 (0.3)	3 (0.8)	16 (4.5)	21 (5.9)
3	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	5 (1.4)
4	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
5	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Missing	1	1	1	0
Grade 2+				
Yes	1 (0.3)	3 (0.8)	16 (4.5)	26 (7.3)
No	354 (99.7)	351 (99.2)	339 (95.5)	329 (92.7)
Chi-square (p)	0.31		0.11	
Fisher's Exact (p)	0.37		0.15	
Difference in proportion (95% CI)	-0.56% (-1.67, 0.54) %		-2.82% (-6.28, 0.65) %	
p-value	0.31		0.11	

Worst CTCAE toxicity at 5 years post treatment by treatment received

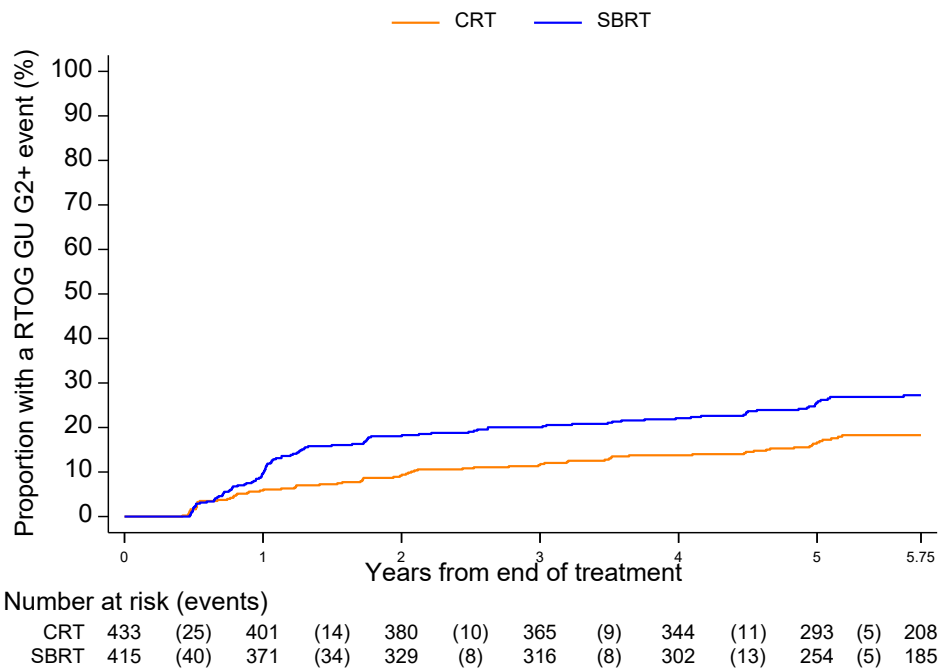
Worst Grade	GI		GU		Erectile dysfunction	
	CRT	SBRT	CRT	SBRT	CRT	SBRT
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)
0	273 (76.5)	270 (76.1)	199 (55.7)	164 (46.2)	113 (38.2)	109 (36.8)
1	78 (21.8)	76 (21.4)	134 (37.5)	160 (45.1)	97 (32.8)	109 (36.8)
2	6 (1.7)	9 (2.5)	24 (6.7)	25 (7.0)	68 (23.0)	65 (22.0)
3	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	6 (1.7)	18 (6.1)	13 (4.4)
4	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
5	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Missing	0	0	0	0	61	59
Grade 2+						
Yes	6 (1.7)	9 (2.5)	24 (6.7)	31 (8.7)	86 (29.1)	78 (26.4)
No	351 (98.3)	346 (97.5)	333 (93.3)	324 (91.3)	210 (70.9)	218 (73.6)
Chi-square (p)	0.43		0.32		0.46	
Fisher's Exact (p)	0.45		0.33		0.52	
Difference in proportion (95% CI)	-0.85% (-2.96, 1.26) %		-2.01% (-5.9, 1.91) %		2.70% (-4.50, 9.91) %	
p-value	0.43		0.32		0.46	

S10. Cumulative incidence of Grade 2+ events by 5 years

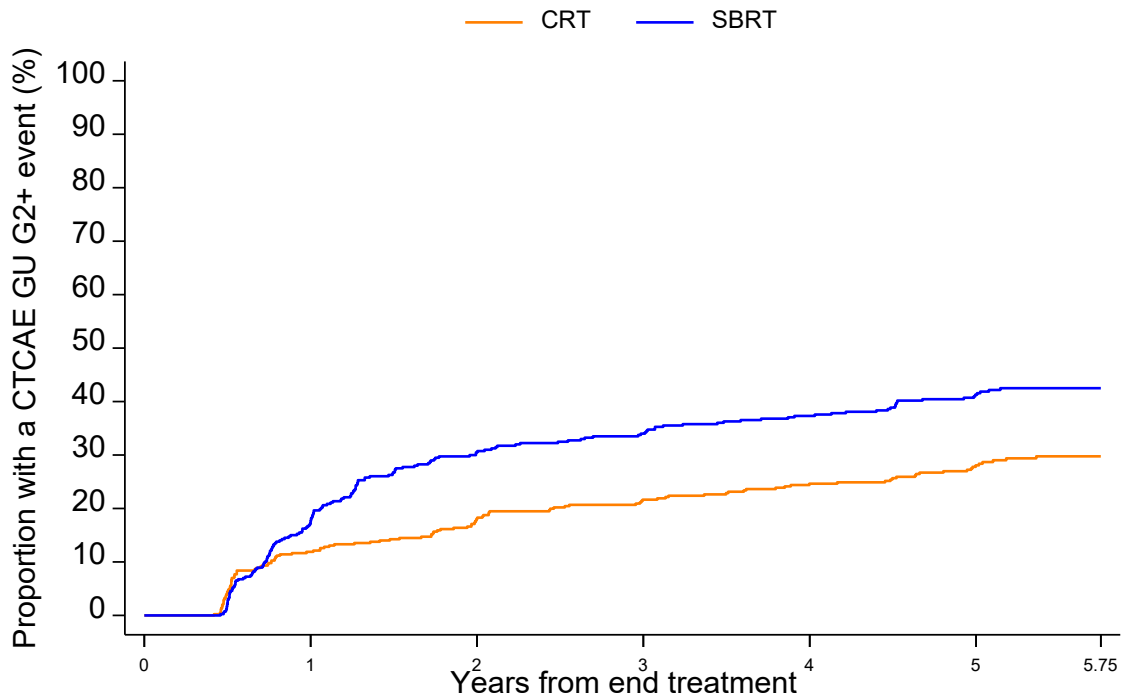
Grade 2+ events	Cumulative events n (%)	Estimated proportion by 5 years%	HR (95% CI)	p-values
RTOG GU				
CRT	76/433 (17.6)	18.3 (14.8, 22.5)	1.59 (1.18, 2.12)	<0.001
SBRT	109/415 (26.3)	26.9 (22.8, 31.5)		
RTOG GI				
CRT	45/433 (10.4)	10.2 (7.7, 13.5)	1.03 (0.68, 1.56)	0.94
SBRT	45/415 (10.8)	10.7 (8.1, 14.2)		
CTCAE GU				
CRT	126/433 (29.1)	29.8 (25.5, 34.5)	1.58 (1.25, 1.98)	<0.001
SBRT	175/415 (42.2)	42.5 (37.8, 47.5)		
CTCAE GI				
CRT	83/433 (19.2)	18.7 (15.2, 22.8)	0.96 (0.71, 1.31)	0.81
SBRT	77/415 (18.6)	18.8 (15.3, 23.0)		

Time to first occurrence of genitourinary and gastrointestinal grade≥2 toxicity event occurring up to 5 year after radiotherapy, assessed using RTOG and CTCAE

(A) RTOG Genitourinary



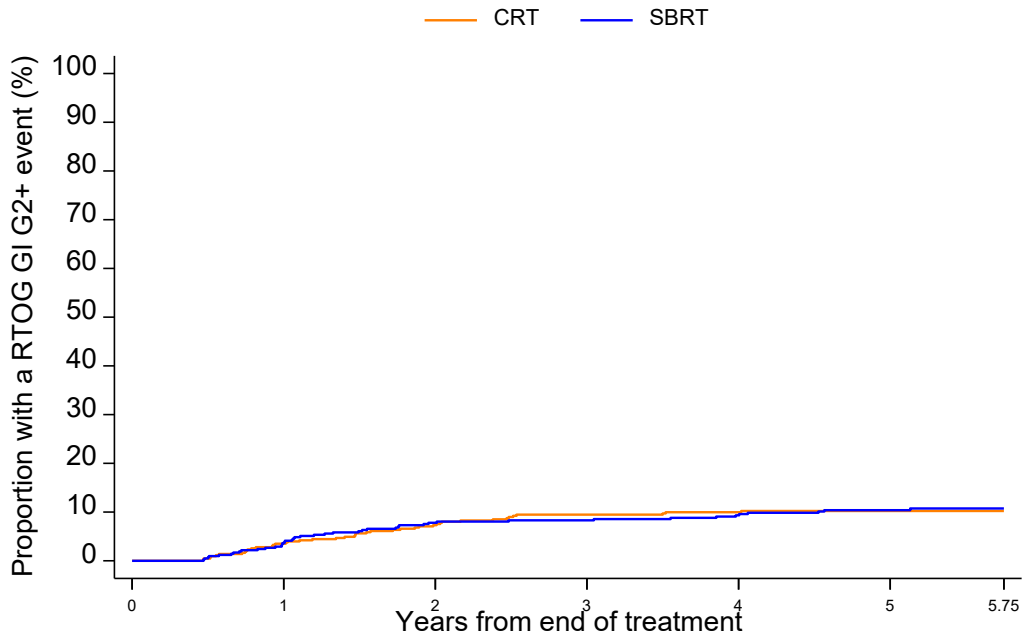
(B) CTCAE Genitourinary



Number at risk (events)

CRT	433	(51)	375	(26)	344	(15)	322	(12)	299	(13)	252	(5)	178
SBRT	415	(73)	338	(52)	278	(14)	261	(13)	243	(15)	206	(4)	158

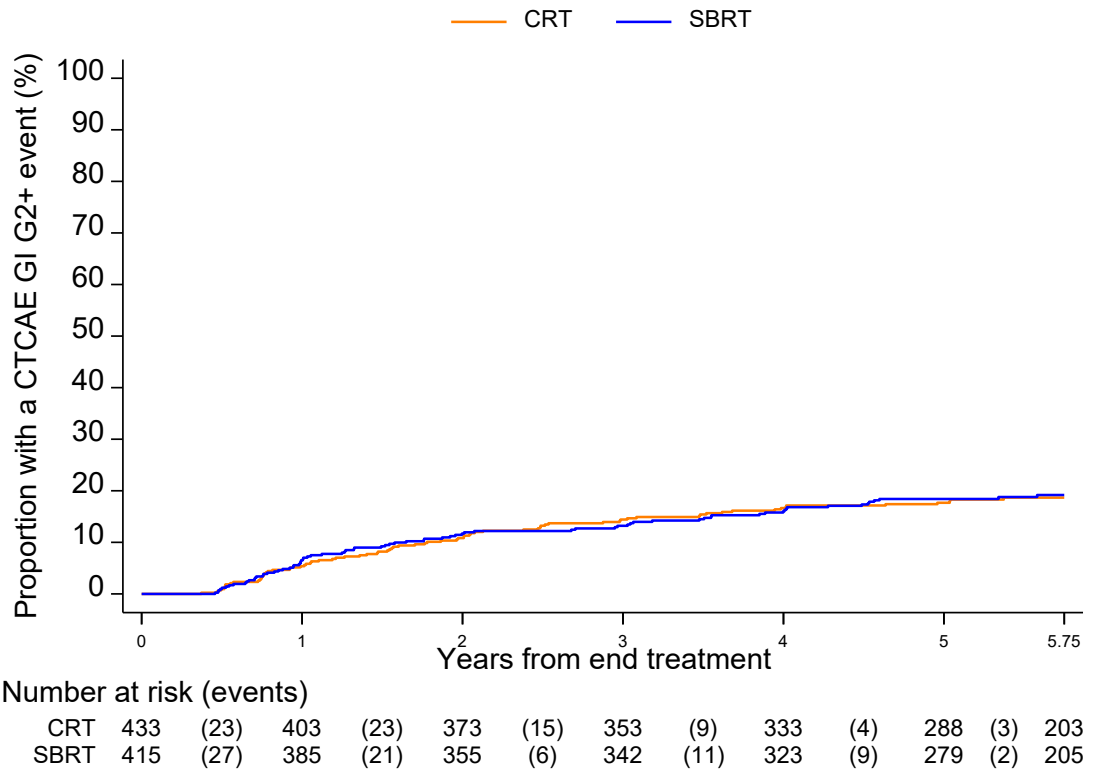
(C) RTOG Gastrointestinal



Number at risk (events)

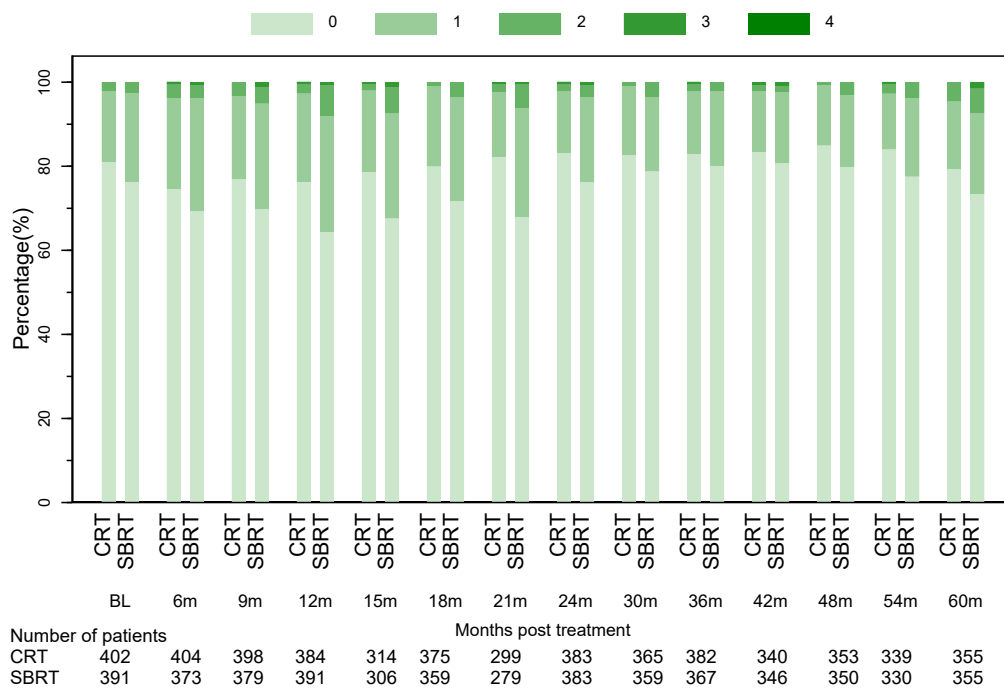
CRT	433	(15)	411	(16)	386	(9)	373	(2)	358	(1)	310	(0)	220
SBRT	415	(15)	397	(17)	371	(2)	361	(4)	350	(4)	306	(1)	221

(D) CTCAE Gastrointestinal

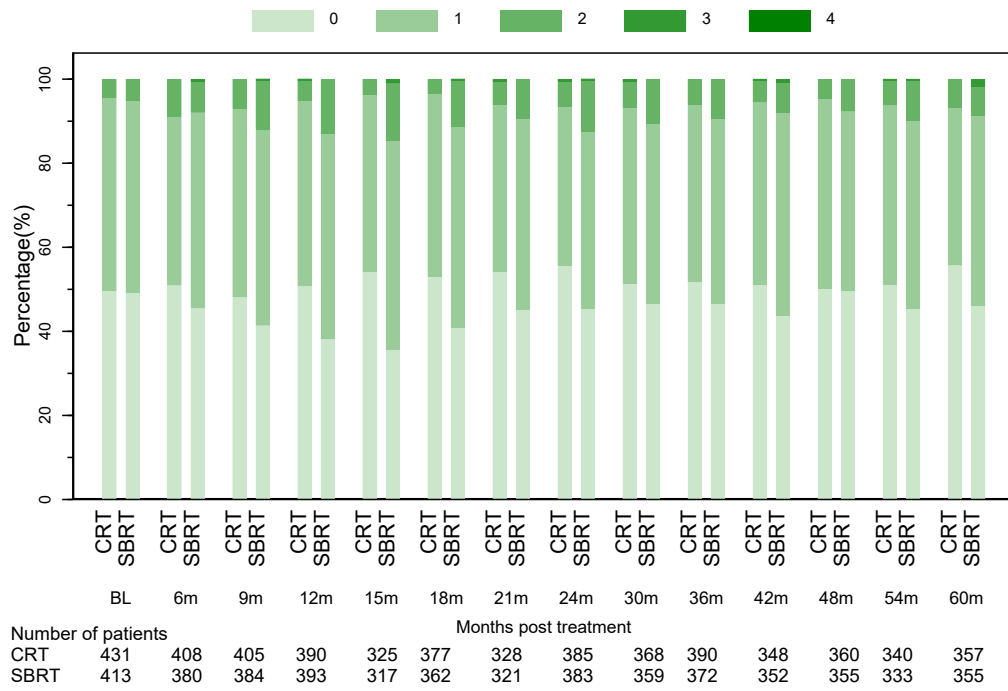


S11. Stacked bar charts illustrating distribution of genitourinary and gastrointestinal toxicity assessed using RTOG and CTCAE

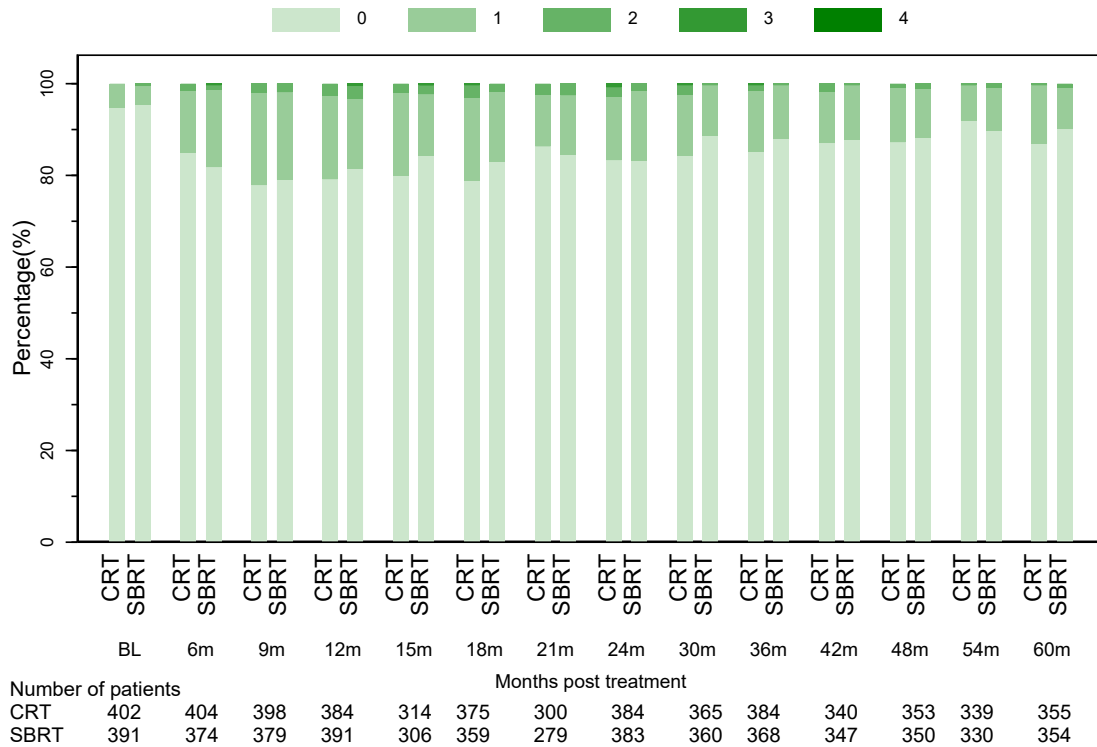
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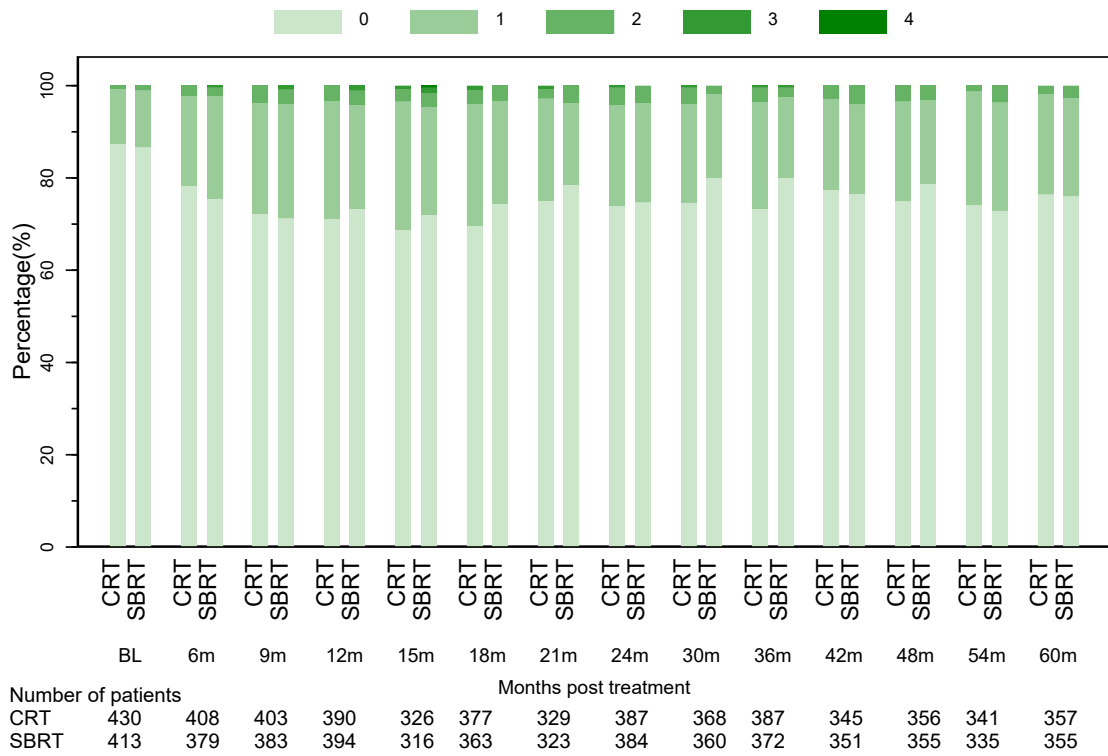
(B) CTCAE Genitourinary



(C) RTOG Gastrointestinal



(D) CTCAE Gastrointestinal



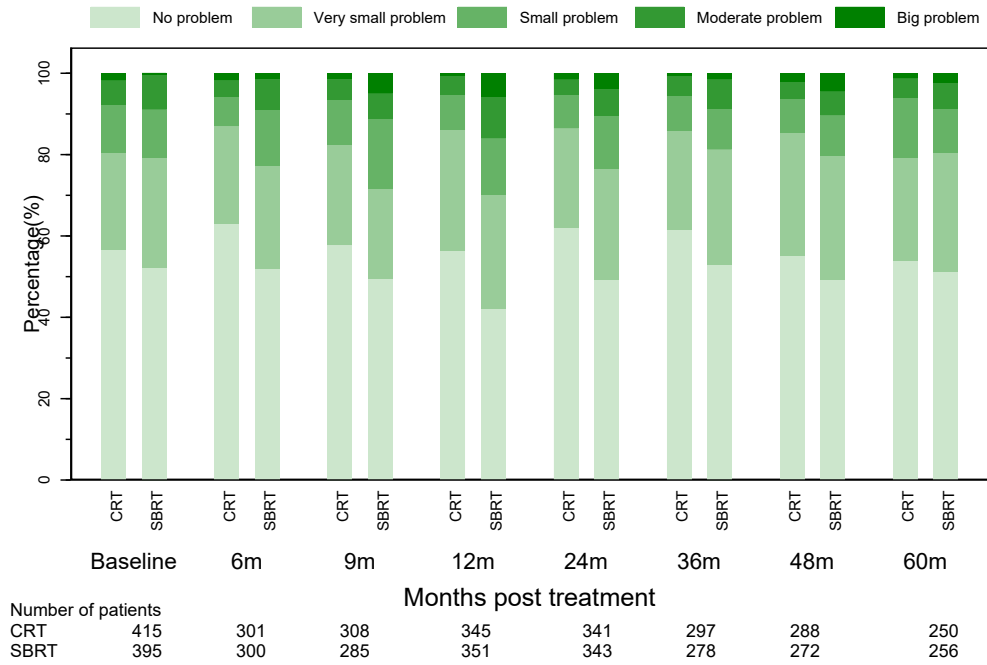
S12. EPIC subdomain scores at baseline and 5 years by treatment received

EPIC-26 domain	Treatment received								Mann-Whitney p-value
	CRT				SBRT				
	n	Median	IQR	Mean (SD)	n	Median	IQR	Mean (SD)	
Urinary incontinence									
Baseline	398	100	(85.5, 100)	91.4 (14.7)	371	100	(85.5, 100)	91.3 (14.3)	0.75
5 years	241	100	(79.3, 100)	86.8 (18.3)	246	96.9	(73, 100)	84.4 (21.7)	0.45
Urinary irritative/obstructive									
Baseline	387	87.5	(81.3, 100)	87.7 (13.1)	360	87.5	(81.3, 100)	86.5 (13.9)	0.28
5 years	233	93.8	(81.3, 100)	88.1 (13.6)	233	93.8	(81.3, 100)	87.5 (14.1)	0.60
Bowel Bother									
Baseline	397	100	(95.8, 100)	95.9 (8.6)	375	100	(91.7, 100)	94.9 (8.6)	0.17
5 years	236	95.8	(87.5, 100)	90.4 (13.9)	237	100	(87.5, 100)	92.7 (10.9)	0.10
Sexual Bother									
Baseline	378	54.2	(27.8, 75)	53.0 (28.7)	363	48.9	(22.2, 77.8)	50.5 (29.6)	0.22
5 years	237	22.2	(16.7, 52.8)	34.0 (27.2)	235	26.3	(16.7, 57)	34.3 (27.2)	0.87
Hormonal Bother									
Baseline	398	100	(90, 100)	92.6 (10.9)	373	95	(90, 100)	92.2 (11.2)	0.62
5 years	229	95	(85, 100)	90.9 (13.3)	233	95	(85, 100)	89.7 (14.1)	0.35

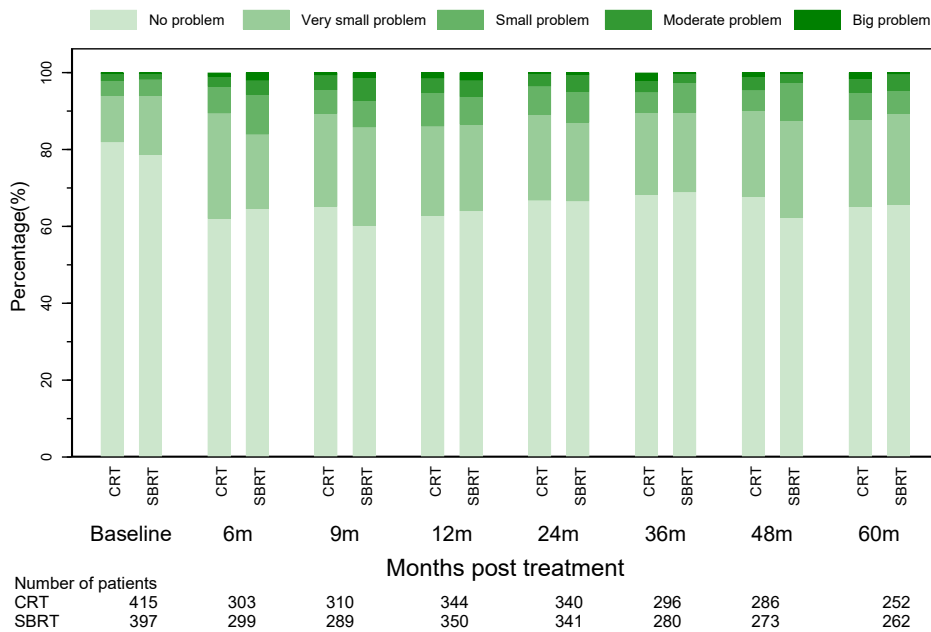
EPIC subdomain scores range from 0 to 100 with higher scores indicating better quality of life.

Stacked bar charts illustrating the distribution of score for the EPIC-26 single item questions (A) 'Overall how big a problem has your urinary function been?', (B) 'Overall, how big a problem has your bowel habits been' and (C) 'Overall, how big a problem was sexual function or lack of sexual function been'

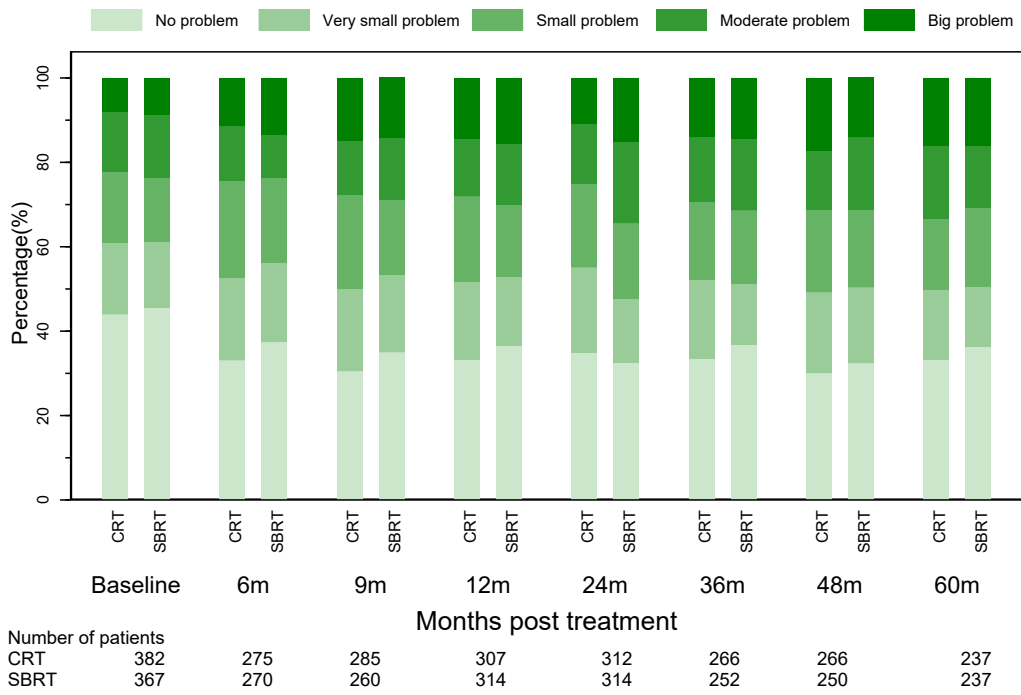
(A) Overall urinary bother score



(B) Overall bowel bother score



(C) Overall sexual bother score



S13. Summary of PACE Protocol Substantial Amendments

Amendment Number	Amendment Date	Summary	Response	Date of Response
1	03/12/2012	Changes to the medical physics paragraph to allow other centres to use cone beam CT to check that the prostate is in the correct position prior to treatment.	Approval	04/05/2023
2	08/08/2012	Increased patient number to 1716 patients to increase statistical power. Minor amendments to technical aspects of radiotherapy planning. Clarification of time windows for eligibility criteria and definition of biochemical failure.	Approval	09/18/2012
3	10/18/2012	Introduction of a patient information DVD that outlined the trial process for patients.	Approval	12/10/2012
4	01/15/2014	Sponsorship of the trial transferred from Accuray Incorporated (industry) to The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust (academia).	Approval	02/07/2014
5	N/A	There is no amendment 5, it was incorrectly numbered with the label of amendment 6 when submitting the substantial amendment form.	N/A	N/A
6	08/06/2014	<p>Relevant new sponsor changes added to the protocol.</p> <p>Stereotactic body radiotherapy (SBRT) to be delivered on other (usually gantrybased) systems, rather than CyberKnife systems only.</p> <p>Allowing fiducial markers of any type.</p> <p>To permit image guidance by conebeam CT.</p> <p>Heterogeneous 38Gy/4# SBRT treatment removed, as it was not expected that centres would use this technique.</p> <p>TURP (transurethral resection of prostate) patients eligible.</p> <p>MRI not mandated for planning or staging.</p> <p>Exclusion criteria related to previous malignancy adjusted to reflect prolonged survival following many malignancies.</p> <p>PSA failure definition adjusted to account for the "PSA bounce" phenomena.</p>	Approval	10/24/2014

Amendment Number	Amendment Date	Summary	Response	Date of Response
		Follow up for efficacy endpoints measured from randomisation, rather than end of treatment. Tissue donation, data sharing, and collection of NHS numbers (standard for UK trial patients) added. The Trial Executive Group abolished, as the sponsor was changed to an academic institution.		
7	06/22/2015	Change of database from Clinovo to Royal Marsden data collection systems. Randomisation completed by the ICR-CTSU. Addition of non-UK sites. SAE reporting procedures updated in line with ICR-CTSU standard procedures. Quality of Life booklets amended, the EPIC questionnaire replaced the PR25 as it was deemed more appropriate. The following eligibility criteria was amended: Biopsy requirements for patients on active surveillance described. Bone scan requirements removed. Prostate volume requirements measured within 6 months of randomisation removed. Testosterone measurements beyond baseline removed.	Approval	07/24/2015
8	03/01/2016	Common and rare side effects of conventional radiotherapy or SBRT have been updated. Changes made throughout the protocol, so sites were able to deliver either 78 Gy in 39 fractions OR 62 Gy in 20 fractions.	Approval	03/24/2016
9	11/16/2016	Allowed non-laparoscopic surgical methods in PACE-A.	Approval	12/13/2016

Amendment Number	Amendment Date	Summary	Response	Date of Response
10	07/18/2017	<p>Change of primary endpoint for PACE-A to co-primary quality of life focused endpoints to consider side effects relevant to both surgery and SBRT incorporating urinary incontinence and bowel bother at the two-year timepoint. The original primary endpoint of biochemical/clinical recurrence became a secondary endpoint for PACE-A.</p> <p>Revision of sample size based on new primary endpoints, from 858 (429 per treatment arm) to 234 (117 per treatment arm).</p>	Approval	08/29/2017
11	08/22/2019	Addition of new PACE-C cohort, mirroring PACE-B but with the addition of 6 months androgen deprivation (as per standard of care) for men with high-intermediate and high risk localised disease.	Approval	10/25/2019
12	04/28/2020	<p>In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the protocol was amended to accommodate extended ADT treatment beyond 6 months (to maximum 18 months). The time frames with respect to ADT and staging assessments (MRI and pre-ADT PSA) were removed to avoid unnecessarily restrictive timelines not reflecting standard of care.</p> <p>Granular details of the radiotherapy planning and delivery guidelines were moved from the protocol to a separate document- PACE Radiotherapy Planning and Delivery Guidelines.</p>	Approval	06/25/2020
13	01/18/2022	Allowed participants to take part in the SPRUCE study within a trial for Quality of Life completion.	Approval	02/03/2022
14	11/06/2023	Changes to the wording in the protocol to add a new exploratory endpoint regarding translational studies and to clarify the opportunities for translational research in PACE.	Approval	11/15/2023

S14. Radiotherapy Planning and Delivery Guidelines

The following section describes the radiotherapy planning and delivery guidelines which has taken from the section 11 (Treatment) of the protocol

11.2 Evaluated Structures

11.2.1 The Clinical Target Volume (CTV):

For the purposes of this study, the CTV shall be defined as follows:

All patients:

Low risk: CTV = prostate only (as defined on MRI planning scan where available)

Intermediate risk: CTV = prostate plus proximal 1 cm of seminal vesicles from insertion point in the superior-inferior plane. This should include the middle $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ of seminal vesicle width (i.e. not the tips). Please contact the QA team for example contours.

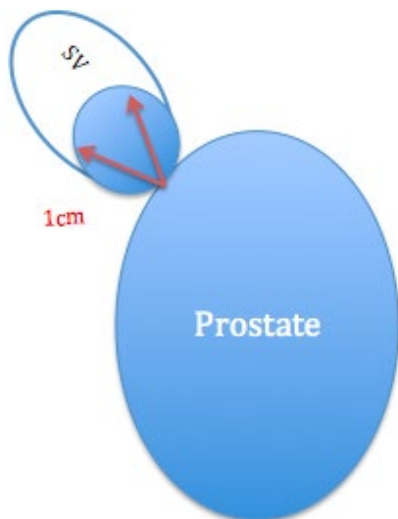


Figure 1: Schematic illustration of the seminal vesicle inclusion for PACE ("CTV" shown in blue)

11.2.2 The Planning Treatment Volume (PTV):

The CTV to PTV margins are different for prostate SBRT and conventional radiotherapy.

11.2.2.1 For conventional radiotherapy, margins will depend on the department's treatment delivery accuracy.

PTV margin for conventional radiotherapy:

PTV= CTV+ 5-9 mm, except 3-7 mm posteriorly

11.2.2.2 For prostate SBRT the PTV is defined as the CTV plus 4-5 mm, except posteriorly where the prostate abuts the rectum, where a 3-5 mm margin will be applied.

PTV margins for SBRT (36.25 Gy in 5 fractions)
PTV= CTV+ 4-5mm/ 3-5mm posteriorly

11.2.2.3 Planning volumes will be outlined and reported in line with ICRU 83 “Prescribing, recording and reporting photon-beam intensity modulated radiotherapy (IMRT)” where relevant.

11.2.3 Organs at Risk (OAR)

The following OAR will be contoured: these are given in reducing order of priority for planning constraints.

11.2.3.1 Rectum: defined as a solid structure, including the lumen and rectal wall, extending from the anus to the rectosigmoid junction.

11.2.3.2 Bladder: defined as a solid structure including the bladder wall and lumen.

11.2.3.3 Urethra if visible (prostate SBRT only): the prostatic urethra is defined as the lumen-mucosal interface, extending from bladder neck to the membranous urethra.

11.2.3.4 Penile bulb: the portion of the bulbous spongiosum that lies inferior to the urogenital diaphragm.

11.2.3.5 Femoral heads: Femoral heads are to be outlined from their most cranial aspect to the bottom of the curvature of the femoral head (i.e. exclude the femoral neck)

11.2.3.6 Bowel: Above rectum, within 15 cm of PTV for Cyberknife SBRT and within 4 cm PTV for gantry-based SBRT and IMRT. Bowel may be outlined as a ‘bowel bag’.

11.2.3.7 Testes: For CyberKnife SBRT, beams should not be allowed to traverse the testes, due to the effects on hormone production and subsequent confusion of biochemical outcomes. The bilateral testes should therefore be used as a ‘blocking structure’.

11.2.4 Structured naming convention for volumes

As an NCRN radiotherapy trial, the PACE study uses a standardised naming convention. This will avoid ambiguity and facilitate analysis of radiotherapy plan data. This convention is detailed in table 3.5.

Table 3.5: Structure naming convention for PACE

Volume	Naming convention
<i>Conventional treatment volumes</i>	
Clinical target volume: prostate +/- seminal vesicles	CTVp or CTVpsv

Planning target volume (receives 78 Gy or 62 Gy)	PTV_7800 or PTV_6200
<i>SBRT treatment volumes</i>	
Clinical target volume: prostate +/- seminal vesicles (receives 40 Gy)	CTVp_4000 or CTVpsv_4000
Planning target volume (receives 36.25Gy)	PTV_3625
<i>Organs at risk</i>	
Rectum	Rectum
Bladder	Bladder
Urethra	Urethra
Left femoral head	FemoralHead_L
Right femoral head	FemoralHead_R
Penile bulb	PenileBulb
Bowel	Bowel

11.3 Dose Specifications: (all specified doses are given over the entire course of treatment).

11.3.1 Conventional radiotherapy Dose Specifications:

11.3.1.1 Dose for the conventional arm will be either 78 Gy in 39 fractions daily over 8 weeks OR 62 Gy in 20 fractions daily over at least 27 days, and delivered using IMRT. The prescription dose shall be the dose to the PTV and the following dose objectives will be met: for 78 Gy: D98% \geq 74.1 Gy, D50%=78 Gy \pm 1%, D2% \leq 83.5 Gy (aim for D2% $<$ 81.9 Gy): for 62 Gy: D98% \geq 58.9 Gy, D50%=62 Gy \pm 1%, D2% \leq 66.3 Gy (aim for D2% $<$ 65.1 Gy). The minimum dose constraint (D98%) may be relaxed where necessary in order to meet the rectum high dose constraint, with limited undercoverage permitted posteriorly where PTV overlaps rectum.

11.3.1.2 Dose specifications for OAR are shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Dose Specifications for Conventional radiotherapy arm

Organ at risk	Dose volume constraints			
	Dose (Gy) for 78Gy/39 fractions	Dose (Gy) for 62Gy/20 fractions	Maximum Volume (% or cc)	
			Mandatory	Optimal
Rectum	30	24	-	80%
	40	32	-	65%
	50	40	60%	50%
	60	48	50%	35%
	65	52	30%	-
	70	56	25%	15%
	75	60	5%*	3%
Bladder	50	40	50%	-
	60	48	25%	-

	74	59	15%	5%
Femoral Heads	50	40	50%	5%
Bowel	50	40	17cc	-
Penile bulb	50	40	-	50%
	60	48	-	10%

* May require a reduction in posterior PTV margin and/or removal of rectal overlap from PTV during plan optimisation (as for SBRT planning).

11.3.2 Dose specifications for hypofractionated radiotherapy delivered with SBRT:

11.3.2.1 The dose for the SBRT arm will be 36.25 Gy given in 5 fractions over 1-2 weeks (i.e. daily or alternate daily). The prescription dose of 36.25 Gy shall be the dose to the PTV. V36.25 Gy to the PTV shall be greater than or equal to 95%. A secondary dose of 40 Gy should be delivered to the CTV (i.e. the prostate/SVs) such that the CTV V40 Gy is greater than or equal to 95%. For CyberKnife planning, the prescription isodose shall be 65-85% of Dmax (or 75-85% if urethra not contoured). For gantry-based SBRT, the following dose objectives should be met with respect to the PTV: D98% \geq 34.4 Gy, Dmax<48 Gy, and aim for D2% \leq 42.8 Gy, where possible. (A planning guide for gantry-based SBRT is available).

11.3.2.2 Dose specifications for OAR for SBRT are shown in Table 5. Minor and major variations are shown below.

Table 5: Dose Specifications for SBRT (36.25 Gy in 5 fractions)

OAR	Dose constraint
Rectum	V18.1 Gy <50% (i.e. 50% rectum <18.1 Gy) V29 Gy <20 % (i.e. less than 20% rectum receiving 29 Gy) V36 Gy <1cc
Bladder	V18.1 Gy <40% V37 Gy <10cc (optimal V37 Gy <5cc)
Prostatic urethra (if visualised)	V42 Gy <50% (optimal, not mandatory)
Femoral head	V14.5 Gy <5%
Penile Bulb	V29.5 Gy <50%
Testicular	Blocking structure
Bowel	V18.1 Gy <5cc V30 Gy <1cc

11.3.2.3 Rectum dose variations:

11.3.2.3.1 Minor variation: V36 Gy \geq 1 cc, but < 2 cc.

11.3.2.3.2 Major variation: V36 Gy \geq 2 cc

11.3.2.4 Bladder dose variations:

11.3.2.4.1 Minor variation: V37 Gy \geq 10 cc, but $<$ 20 cc.

11.3.2.4.2 Major variation: V37 Gy \geq 20 cc

11.3.2.5 Target volume variations:

11.3.2.5.1 Minor variation: CTV V40 Gy 90-94.9%

11.3.2.5.2 Minor variation PTV: V36.25 Gy 90-94.9%

11.3.2.5.3 Major variation CTV: V40 Gy $<$ 90%

11.3.2.5.4 Major variation PTV: V36.25 Gy $<$ 90%

11.3.2.6 Investigators shall attempt to keep normal tissue doses and prescription coverage as close to “per protocol” specifications as possible. If all the above “per protocol” dose-volume criteria cannot be met on a given patient, then normal tissue constraints and target prescriptions may be relaxed to the “minor variation” range as follows: one minor variation in EITHER the primary or secondary dose prescription coverage (e.g. PTV V36.25 Gy 90-95% or CTV V40 Gy 90-95%) is allowed; two minor variations or one major variation is allowed only with the consent of the site chair.

11.3.2.7 Additional minor variation is allowed for constraints on the rectum and bladder. Major variations on OAR constraints are only allowed with the permission of the site chair. All variations shall be noted.

11.4 Radiotherapy plan data collection

11.4.1 Radiotherapy plan data will be collected (in DICOM format by electronic transfer) for all patients having radiotherapy within the trial. This data will be stored on a secure server by the sponsor.

11.5 Radiotherapy Treatment Delivery and Tracking

11.5.1 All radiotherapy techniques are to be approved in advance by the Chief Investigator and trials QA team.

11.5.2 It is highly recommended that radiotherapy start within 8 weeks of randomisation, but it must start within 12 weeks. Treatment will be given in a single phase over no more than 14 days for SBRT, no more than 61 days for conventional radiotherapy (78 Gy in 39 fractions), and 31 days for moderate hypofractionation (62 Gy in 20 fractions); longer planned treatment durations are to be discussed with the Chief Investigator for approval. In addition, for the 20 fraction treatment schedule overall time of treatment should be at least 27 days (as per CHHiP trial) and, in practice, means that these patients should start treatment on a Wednesday to Friday. Overall treatment duration will be recorded.

11.5.3 All patients will have image-guided radiotherapy, and it is strongly recommended that this is done with fiducial guidance. It is recommended that all patients be set up to fiducial markers prior to treatment and if a significant shift is required ($>$ 3 mm) the patient should be re-imaged after that shift. In addition, tomographic imaging pre-treatment is encouraged to rule out any significant changes in rectal position or prostate deformation.

11.5.4 At least three fiducials should be identified for each treatment. If fewer than three fiducials can be tracked, then additional fiducials can be placed, and the patient replanned. Where the ability exists rotational corrections should be made.

11.5.5 For SBRT using CyberKnife, patients will have fiducial-based intra-fraction motion corrected during treatment.

11.5.6 For SBRT with gantry based systems, it is anticipated that the majority of centres will use an arc-based IMRT technique, with or without flattening filter-free delivery. Flattening filter-free delivery should have a beam on time of under 3 minutes, in which case intra-fraction motion control is not mandated. Where beam-on time significantly exceeds 3 minutes, re-imaging should occur between beams/arcs (or at approximately 3-4 minute intervals). It is recommended that the couch is shifted for all displacement but it is mandatory to shift for any displacement ≥ 3 mm.

11.5.7 For centres using Calypso beacons or Elekta clarity ultrasound monitoring, prostate motion will be monitored continually and treatment paused (and position corrected) if prostate displacement exceeds 3 mm.

11.5.8 For gantry-based SBRT using tomographic imaging (i.e. cone beam CT) without fiducials, centres must demonstrate that they can deliver treatment to the required accuracy (given the significant prostate motion which may occur during treatment). This will be discussed and agreed on an individual centre basis with the Chief Investigator and trial QA team.

14 Quality assurance (QA)

14.2 Radiotherapy QA

The following QA documents and exercises must be completed by new centres for each radiotherapy treatment arm before commencing recruitment:

- Statement of unit calibration protocol
- Independent beam output audit
- Process document
- Benchmark case (see 14.2.1 below)
- IGRT benchmark test (conventional linac delivery only)
- Prospective individual case reviews will be performed for the first patient randomised to each treatment arm (see 14.2.2 below)

14.2.1 Benchmark Study: All potential sites shall receive, prior to patient enrolment, anonymous electronic patient data sets including CT and MRI images. A treatment plan shall be developed according to the protocol for both SBRT and IMRT, and the plan reviewed by the study team; completion of satisfactory benchmark plans is required prior to patient enrolment.

14.2.2 The first patient for each treatment allocation will undergo pre-treatment review. The treatment plan of the first patient enrolled at each site for each treatment must be reviewed prior to beginning treatment. The study team shall be notified at the time of enrolment of each patient, and of the proposed first treatment date, to assure the team's availability for review. There is the option for contours to be reviewed prior to planning if the centre prefers. After planning is complete, the treating site will make the treatment plan available to the study team site for review. The study team shall complete review within 2 weeks of receipt; treatment will only begin after any necessary corrections are

implemented and final plan is approved. In addition, the first intermediate risk case must also be reviewed if the cases reviewed above were both low risk and did not include the seminal vesicles.

14.2.3 Thereafter plans will be reviewed as deemed necessary by the study team.

14.2.4 All outlining should be either performed by or reviewed and approved by the PI at the centre who has been through the pre-trial outlining QA. Since this is a clinical trial and the patient numbers may not be excessive we hope this approach will be acceptable. However, where this is not feasible we recommend the following:

14.2.4.1 The PI should review and approve clinical outlines for the 1st 3 PACE patients recruited by each additional clinician at that centre, after which (assuming these are satisfactory) they are also approved for PACE. Note: Please ensure at least one is an intermediate risk group case, since many inconsistencies with proximal seminal vesicle outlining have been reported.

14.2.5 Should the PI leave and be replaced, the replacement should perform the PACE benchmark outlining QA to be reviewed by the PACE QA team.

14.2.6 Treatment plan exports

All patient treatment plans will be exported in DICOM format, anonymised, and sent to the RT QA team electronically