

Quality assessment							No of patients		Effect		Quality	Importance
No of studies	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	Short course RT 2x 8 Gy	Single dose RT 8 Gy	Relative (95% CI)	Absolute		
Pain (assessed with: responders)												
1	randomised trials	serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	serious ²	none	80/150 (53.3%)	80/153 (52.3%)	RR 1.01 (0.82 to 1.26)	1.05 more per 100 (from 10.2 fewer to 12.29 more)	□□□□ LOW	CRITICAL
								0%		-		
Mobility (assessed with: responders)												
1	randomised trials	serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	serious ²	none	104/150 (69.3%)	95/153 (62.1%)	RR 1.11 (0.95 to 1.32)	7.24 more per 100 (from 3.41 fewer to 17.9 more)	□□□□ LOW	CRITICAL
								0%		-		
Respons duration (follow-up median 5 months; Better indicated by lower values)												
1	randomised trials	serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	serious ²	none	150	153	-	MD 0 higher (0 to 0 higher)	□□□□ LOW	CRITICAL
Neurological respons												
0	No evidence available					none	-	-	-	-		CRITICAL
								0%		-		
Toxicity- Esophagitis												
1	randomised trials	serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	serious ²	none	2/150 (1.3%)	0/153 (0%)	-	1.33 more per 100 (from 0.5 fewer to 3.17 more)	□□□□ LOW	CRITICAL
								0%		-		
Progression Free Survival												
0	No evidence available					none	-	-	-	-		IMPORTANT
								0%		-		
Bladder function (assessed with: responders)												
1	randomised trials	serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	serious ²	none	131/150 (87.3%)	130/153 (85%)	RR 1.03 (0.94 to 1.13)	2.37 fewer per 100 (from 5.41 fewer to 10.14 more)	□□□□ LOW	IMPORTANT

								0%		-		
Toxicity-Diarrhea grade 1-2												
1	randomised trials	serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	serious ²	none	6/150 (4%)	0/153 (0%)	-	4 more per 100 (from 0.86 more to 7.14 more)	□□□□ LOW	CRITICAL
								0%		-		
Toxicity- Vomiting Grade 3												
1	randomised trials	serious ¹	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	serious ²	none	1/150 (0.67%)	0/153 (0%)	-	0.67 more per 100 (from 0.64 fewer to 1.97 more)	□□□□ LOW	CRITICAL
								0%		-		

¹ blinding not reported

² low number of patients and the confidence interval crossed the clinical decision threshold between the short course Radiotherapy and single dose Radiotherapy