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Table 1: Patient, tumour and treatment details

| | N=52 |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Age (Mean, range) | 56 (36-69) |
| Sex | , , |
| Male | 42 (81%) |
| Female | 10 (19%) |
| WHO PS | , , |
| 0 | 36 (69%) |
| 1 | 5 (10%) |
| Not recorded | 11 (21%) |
| Smoking | , |
| Never | 20 (38 %) |
| Ex | 24 (46%) |
| Current | 5 (10%) |
| Not recorded | 3 (6%) |
| Oropharynx subsite | 2 (27.5) |
| Tonsil | 31 (60%) |
| ВОТ | 21 (40%) |
| T stage | () |
| T1 | 8 (15%) |
| T2 | 29 (56%) |
| T3 | 4 (8%) |
| T4 | 11 (21%) |
| Nodal stage | 11 (21/0) |
| NO | 4(8%) |
| N1 | 6 (12%) |
| N2a | 4 (8%) |
| N2b | 28 (54%) |
| N2c | 9 (17%) |
| N3 | 1 (2%) |
| Induction chemotherapy | 1 (270) |
| None | 40 (77%) |
| TPF | 10 (19%) |
| PF | 2 (4%) |
| Radiotherapy dose | 2 (470) |
| 65Gy in 30 fractions | 3 (6%) |
| 70Gy in 35 fractions | 49 (94%) |
| Mean contralateral parotid | 45 (5470) |
| dose (range)/Gy | 37 (21-57) |
| Concurrent chemotherapy | |
| Cisplatin | 46 (88%) |
| Carboplatin | 6 (12%) |
| No. of concurrent | O (±2/0) |
| chemotherapy cycles | |
| chemotherapy cycles | |

| 1 | 9 (17%) |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 2 | 41 (79%) |
| 3 | 2 (4%) |
| Pre-treatment oral intake | |
| NBM | 0 (0%) |
| Sips | 0 (0%) |
| Pureed | 1 (2%) |
| Soft | 5 (10%) |
| Normal | 39 (75%) |
| Not recorded | 7 (13%) |

Abbreviations: WHO PS=World Health Organisation performance status; BOT=base of tongue; TPF=docetaxel, cisplatin, 5-fluorouracil; PF=cisplatin, 5-flurouracil; NBM=nil by mouth

Table 2: Summary of MDADI scores for 1st and 2nd questionnaires, n=52. First MDADI administered >24 months post-treatment (median 34 months), and second MDADI administered 30 months later (median 64 months post-treatment). Significant values with p<0.05 indicated in bold.

| MDADI | 1st questionnaire/ | 2nd questionnaire/ |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Mean (SD) | Mean (SD) |
| Composite | 64.0 (16.3) | 68.0 (19.3) |
| Global | 62.3 (26.5) | 68.9 (26.7) |
| Emotional | 66.5 (18.9) | 70.3 (21.6) |
| Functional | 68.2 (19.0) | 72.3 (21.5) |
| Physical | 59.7 (14.5) | 63.2 (18.6) |

Table 3: Summary of change in MDADI scores between 1st and 2nd questionnaires (n=52). Increase of \geq 10 points defined as clinically significant improvement in patient reported swallow function, decrease of \geq 10 points defined as clinical deterioration, and < \pm 10 points defined as clinically stable.

| MDADI | Clinical deterioration) | Clinically stable | Clinical improvement |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Decrease ≥10 points (%) | Change < ±10 points (%) | Increase ≥10 points (%) |
| Composite | 6 (12) | 29 (56) | 17 (33) |
| Global | 6 (12) | 26 (50) | 20 (38) |
| Emotional | 10 (19) | 20 (38) | 22 (42) |
| Functional | 12 (23) | 20 (38) | 20 (38) |
| Physical | 15 (29) | 28 (54) | 9 (17) |

Table 4: Summary of associations between patient/tumour/treatment factors and composite MDADI scores on first and second questionnaire. Significant values with p<0.05 indicated in bold.

| Variable | First questionnaire/ p value | Second questionnaire/ p value |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Gender * | 0.472 | 0.295 |
| Age | 0.449 | 0.679 |
| Contralateral parotid dose ' | 0.105 | 0.231 |
| Prophylactic gastrostomy * | 0.078 | 0.044 |
| Induction chemotherapy * | 0.394 | 0.272 |
| Number of cycles of concurrent chemotherapy ** | 0.270 | 0.161 |
| T stage ** | 0.570 | 0.396 |
| Pre-treatment diet ** | 0.048 | 0.029 |
| Enteral feeding by any route * | 0.352 | 0.375 |

^{* =} independent t test, '= Pearson's correlation, **= Spearman's rho