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Dr A Sundaramurthy Scotland	11	2.2.2	Age: delete older than 18 on average. Ideally reword that line as : Adult >=18 years of age	3	Accepted.
Dr A Sundaramurthy Scotland	12	2.2.2	Comparison: The standard of care for localized prostate cancer is either surgery or radiotherapy (even if operable). So, PROV.P – comparator should be radiotherapy, surgery or surgery + radiotherapy	1	Included although the corresponding citation is missing
Dr A Sundaramurthy Scotland	13	2.2.2	Definition of conventional radiotherapy >8. My worry is if it's a 10 fraction palliative radiotherapy, how are you going to filter this out. One way of saying this is conventional radical radiotherapy	2	Palliative therapies will be analyzed independently if sufficient information is found (6th level of priority) according to segmentation of synthesis priorities in Table 2-2. Otherwise, palliative and curative treatments will be jointly synthesized in a single summary of findings table.
Dr A Sundaramurthy Scotland	13	2.2.2	Biochemical control is not relevant in liver or lung cases	2	Ratings adjusted to "7" for liver and lung for this rater.

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Dr A Sundaramurthy Scotland	13	2.2.2	Acute urinary or digestive toxicity or late urinary or digestive toxicity – some are relevant dependent on what is being irradiated. These are irrelevant in lung irradiation. I wonder if it need to be a simple Acute toxicity (RTOG or CTCAE) and Late toxicity (RTOG or CTCAE)	2	General toxicity would be categorized as a safety outcome. This outcomes, considered in the clinical effectiveness domain, have been adjusted to "7" for lung for this rater.
Dr A Sundaramurthy Scotland	13	2.2.2	"Percentage of patients with privative androgenic treatment due to recurrence" I think you are looking at androgen deprivation therapy? It is relevant both in PROV M and PROV P. But not other tumour sites.	2	Ratings adjusted to "7" for liver and lung for this rater.

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Dr A Sundaramurthy Scotland	13	2.2.2	Safety Outcomes. Why are prostate/lung not being looked at for "Number and percentage of patients presenting grade 4 toxicities" Number and percentage of patients with acute toxicities	2	Number and percentage of patients presenting toxicities (prostate) were rated <8 on average, and in preliminary outcome search the authoring team did not find reporting of toxicities by grade nor acuteness. Major radiation complications (presence or absence of grade 2 CTCAE v4 complication) (lung) were rated <8 on average, and in preliminary outcome search "Major systemic therapy complications: presence or absence of grade >2 CTCAE v4 complication (lung)" was found and has been prioritized. On the other hand, "Major surgical complications (presence or absence of grade >2 event) (lung)" was also found in preliminary outcome search and have only been prioritized for metastatic lung cancer. In summary, safety outcomes aggregation by toxicity, acuteness and etiology has been based on preliminary search on how toxicities are reported in published research.

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Dr A Sundaramurthy Scotland	13	2.2.2	This is relevant in PROV P as well if patient undergoes surgery. Major surgical complications (presence or absence of grade >2 event)	2	Included.
Dr A Maciejczyk (Lower Silesian Cancer Centre)	13	2.2.2	In everyday practice, I do not assess late urinary and digestive toxicity in patients with lung cancer - the values 9 and 8 concerned only the evaluation of patients with prostate cancer	2	Late urinary and digestive toxicity rating adjusted to "7" for lung and liver populations for this rater.
Dr A Maciejczyk (Lower Silesian Cancer Centre)	13	2.2.2	In everyday practice, I do not assess biochemical control in patients with lung cancer - the values 8 and 7 concerned mainly prostate cancer	2	Biochemical control rating adjusted to "7" for lung cancer for this rater.

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