SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDIX

Impact on survival through consolidation radiotherapy for diffuse large B-cell lymphoma: a comprehensive meta-analysis

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Supplemental material

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON THE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

All meta-analyses were done using a random-effects model. Between-trial heterogeneity τ^2 was estimated using the method proposed by Paule and Mandel[1] and as implemented by the empirical Bayes option of the metareg command in Stata.[2] Confidence intervals were calculated as suggested by Knapp and Hartung[3] and prediction intervals as suggested by Higgins et al.[4] Timetrend and stratified analyses were done using the same methods. Bivariate meta-analysis was done using the mvmeta command in Stata (White 2009 and 2011).[5,6] If HR and a measure of precision (standard error, variance, or confidence interval) was not available, we digitized Kaplan-Meier curves, reconstructed the underlying time-to-event data, and calculated (log) HRs and standard errors using a Cox regression model.[7] Correlation between progression-free and overall survival within the two trials included in the meta-analysis[8,9] that provided sufficient data was calculated by Spearman's rank correlation coefficient. A between-outcome correlation of 0.8 was finally used. Sensitivity analyses showed robustness of the analysis.

Table S1: **Current ESMO and NCCN guidelines on consolidation radiotherapy for DLBCL**
Compilation of the current guidelines of ESMO (Tilly, 2015)[10] and NCCN (National Comprehensive Cancer Network. NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: B-cell lymphomas, version 6.2019: *https://www.nccn.org/professionals/physician_gls/pdf/b-cell.pdf* (Accessed Nov 28, 2019)) on the use of the consolidation radiotherapy for patients with DLBCL.

Society	Indication	No indication	Unclear
ESMO	Young, low risk, aaIPI 0, bulky disease (R-CHOP)	Young, low risk, aaIPI 0, non-bulky disease	Young intermediate to high risk (aa-IPI ≥ 2)
NCCN	Consider in stage I&II, (non)bulky, partial response or EoT PET+	When a complete response is achieved	no firm indication

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