

Dear Christopher,

Professor Jean Bourhis(key collaborator with Pignon/MACH-NC meta analysis,Lancet 2000)came over from Paris yesterday to speak to a UK head and neck conference.The meta analysis has been considerably expanded and collated by Bourhis/Pignon, though not yet submitted for publication.He confirms the previously submitted view that there is no firm evidence to justify using RT with Carboplat as a single agent alternative to standard Cisplat in patients considered unsuitable for Cisplat eg with past history of vasculopathy.Indeed he suggested there was more evidence to support the use of Cetuximab in this patient group than Carboplatin.I have obviously given detailed comments in the written appeal process.In relation to highlighting the distinction between KPS and comorbidity there was a useful discussion at the Verbal Appeal hearing in August which together with my previous written comments I think suffices.

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on behalf of Royal College Radiologists

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