

**Additional file 1.**

**Example of visits and documented parameters for chemotherapy regimen with eight cycles. Arm A.**

Group A: Early closure	CH: V1	CH: V2		CH: V3				ONK: V4	ONK: V5
	Screening	Stoma closure		Day of discharge				CTx cy 1 4-12 W*	CTx cy 2
Demographic and clinical baseline data	X								
Inclusion/exclusion	X								
QoL	X						X		
Randomisation	X								
<b>Intervention</b>		X							
Secondary endpoints		X		X				X	X
	<b>ONK: V6</b>	<b>ONK: V7</b>	<b>ONK: V8</b>	<b>ONK: V9</b>	<b>ONK: V10</b>	<b>ONK: V11</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>CH: V12</b>	<b>CH: V13</b>
	CTx cy 3	CTx cy 4	CTx cy 5	CTx cy 6	CTx cy7	CTx cy 8		End of therapy 28 W*	End of follow-up 24 M*
<b>CoC(prim. endpoint)</b>								X	
QoL			X				X	X	X
Secondary endpoints	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

d: day; M: months; W: weeks; CoC: completeness of chemotherapy; CTx: chemotherapy; cy: cycle; \* after randomisation, QoL: Quality of Life;

**CH: V:** visits in surgical department, **ONK: V:** visits in oncological department;

**K:** assessment of QoL at control visit (completion of the questionnaire ~4 weeks after application of the last CTx dose: hand out questionnaire at control visit or by mail).