

Additional file 2.

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

Group B: Late closure	CH: V1				ONK: V2	ONK: V3	ONK: V4	ONK: V5	ONK: V6
	Screening				CTx cy 1 4-12 W*	CTx cy 2	CTx cy 3	CTx cy 4	CTx cy 5
Demographic and clinical baseline data	X								
Inclusion/exclusion	X								
QoL	X				X				X
Randomisation	X								
Secondary endpoints					X	X	X	X	X
	ONK: V7	ONK: V8	ONK: V9	K	CH: V10	CH: V11	CH: V12	CH: V13	
	CTx cy 6	CTx cy 7	CTx cy 8		Stoma closure	Day of Discharge	End of therapy 28 W*	End of follow- up 24 M*	
Intervention					X				
CoC(prim. endpoint)							X		
QoL				X			X	X	
Secondary endpoints	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)