**Supplementary Table 3:** Male patients - percentage of items rated essential within the non-comparative and comparative context (a consistency effect)

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| Context of rating | Percentage of items rated essential by a participant, median (IQR) | Difference in medians (clinical minus PROs), (95% CI)a |
| PROs (38 items) | Clinical (30 items) |
| Appearing first (non-comparative) | 65.8 (47.4, 86.8) | 96.7 (73.3, 100.0) | 30.9(14.4, 43.9) |
| Appearing last (comparative) | 86.8 (68.4, 97.4) | 96.7 (65.0, 100.0) | 9.9(4.6, 24.3) |
| Difference in medians(last minus first), (95% CI) | 21.0(9.8, 39.4) | 0.0(-1.7, 20.0) | -21.0 |

Number of male patients: PRO first N=52; PRO last N=42

a Bias-corrected bootstrap 95% confidence interval