**Supplementary Table 4:** Female 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) | 44.7 (15.8-94.7) | 100 (65.5-100) | 55.3 (1.9, 100.0) |
| Appearing last (comparative) | 97.3 (55.3-100) | 96.7 (37.5-100) | -0.6 (-62.5, 39.5) |
| Difference in medians (last minus first), (95% CI) | 52.6  (-5.2, 94.7) | -3.3  (-62.5, 23.3) | -55.9 |

Number of female patients: PRO first N=7; PRO last N=15

a Bias-corrected bootstrap 95% confidence interval