

1 SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

2 **Excluded patients**

3 One patient died immediately after treatment, before any follow-up was performed, and was thus
4 excluded from the analysis. Six patients were lost to follow-up, as their local ophthalmologist
5 maintained the regular control visits due to logistical and/or physical conditions. These were used in
6 the analysis until the transfer of care and censored afterwards.

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8 **Correlation analysis**

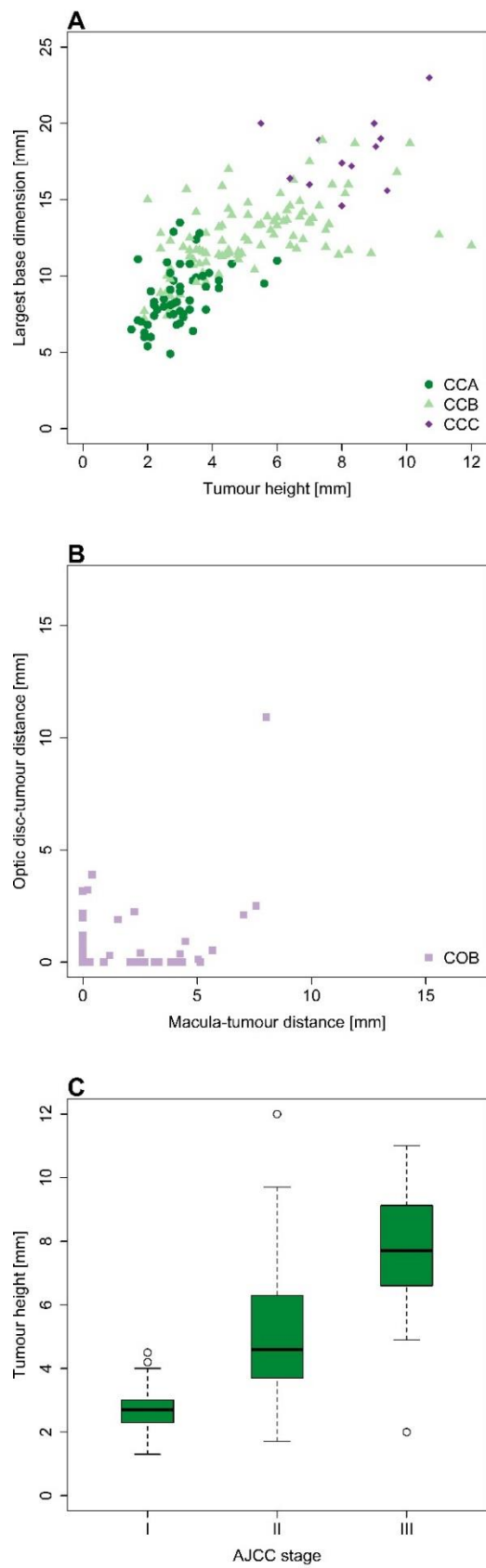
9 Correlation analysis showed a clear relationship between tumour height and tumour largest base
10 dimension (Figure 4A). Based on clinical evaluation we kept tumour height in the model.

11 Tumour height, largest base dimension and plaque type all correlated closely, with the CCC plaque
12 type used for the largest tumours, the CCA primarily used for smaller tumour sizes, and the CCB and
13 the COB used for the remaining tumour sizes, depending on location within the globe. We chose to
14 keep tumour height in the model.

15 Plaque type also correlated with optic disc-tumour and macula-tumour distance (Figure 4B). The COB
16 plaque was used only for tumours within approximately 2 mm from each of the structures, while the
17 remaining plaques were used for all distances. Based on clinical evaluation, we kept the optic disc-
18 tumour distance in the model.

19 As expected, the AJCC stage and tumour height correlated strongly (Figure 4C). We performed the
20 analyses separately with tumour height and stage since both were of clinical interest.

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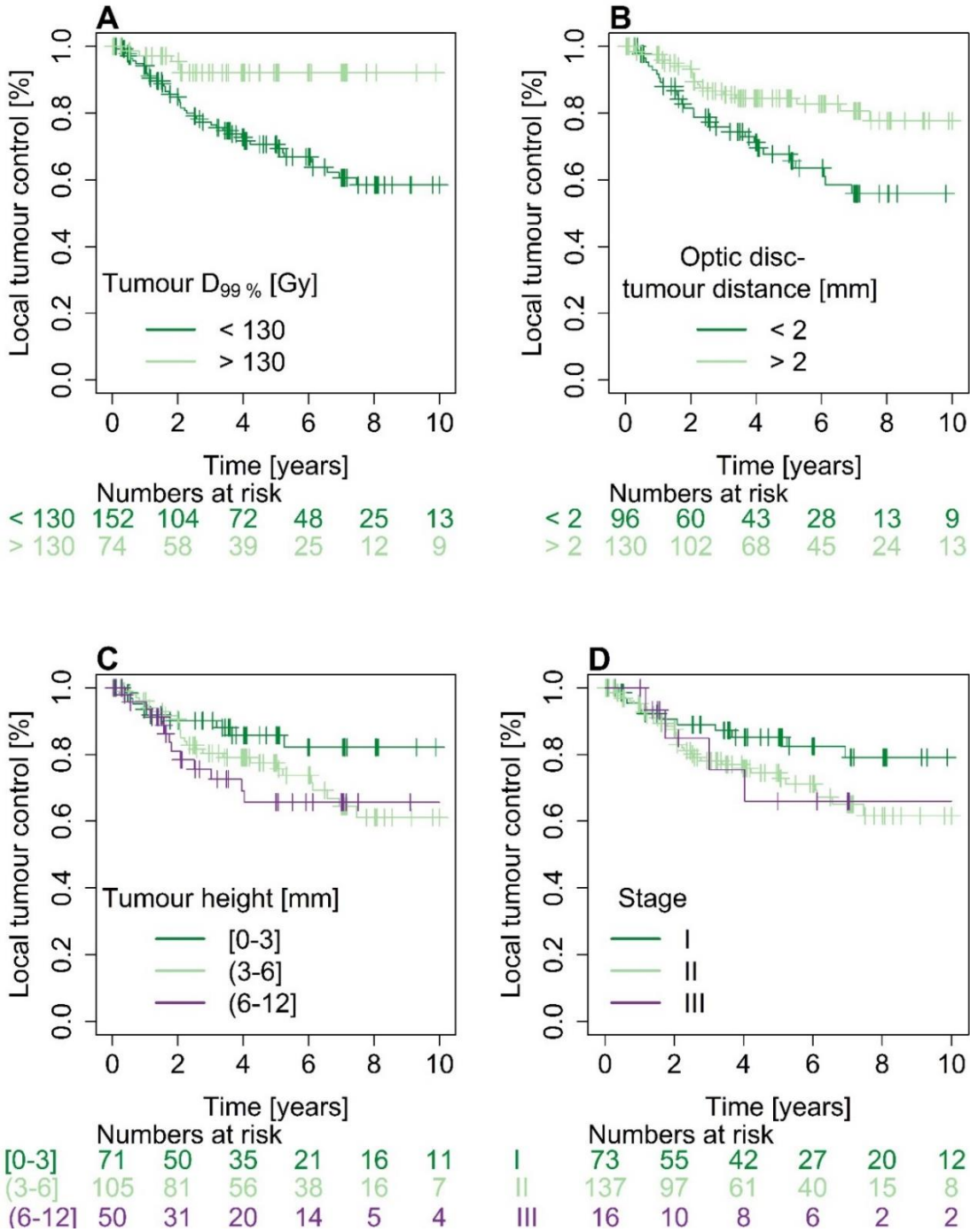
23 Figure 4: Correlation between clinical variables. A) Tumour height, tumour largest base dimension and

24 type of plaque correlated. CCA and CCB plaques were used for smaller and medium sized tumours,
 25 while the CCC plaque was used only for large tumours. B) Macula-tumour distance correlated with
 26 optic disc-tumour distance and plaque type with the COB plaque being used only for small distances
 27 (primarily <2 mm from each of the structures). C) Tumour heights divided by AJCC stage.

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29 **Local control estimates stratified for clinical factors**

30 Figure 5 illustrates Kaplan-Meier curves stratified for several different clinical factors.



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32 Figure 5: Kaplan-Meier curves showing probability of local tumour control for the population divided
 33 into groups based on A) tumour doses, B) optic disc-tumour distances, C) tumour heights and D)
 34 stages. Crosses represent censored patients.

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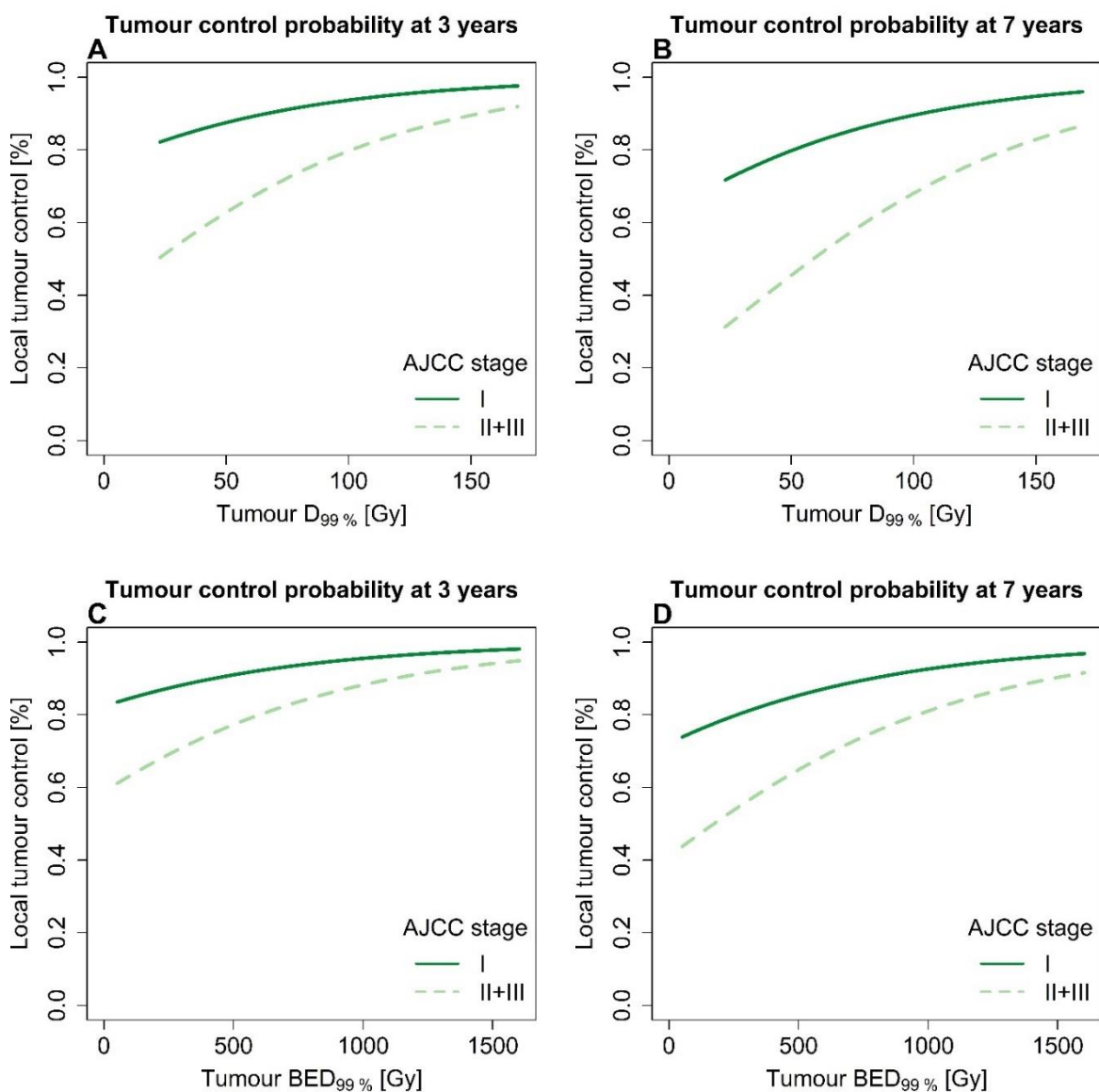
36 **Modelling using AJCC stage**

37 The results from the analysis using AJCC stage as an alternative to tumour height but with all other
 38 factors retained are listed in Table 3 and illustrated at 3 and 7 years after primary treatment in Figure
 39 6A and Figure 6B. In the reduced model, $D_{99\%}$ remained the most significant variable emphasizing the
 40 robustness of $D_{99\%}$ on the effect on local tumour control. Combined TTT and Ru-106 and sex also
 41 remained significant.

42 Table 3: Cox proportional hazards from the reduced model using stage instead of tumour height

Variables in full model	HR (95% CI)	p-value
Age	1.02 (1.00-1.05)	0.09
Sex (male relative to female)	2.32 (1.22-4.43)	0.01
Eye (left relative to right)	0.99 (0.56-1.75)	0.97
Tumour height	-	-
Optic disc-tumour distance	0.92 (0.82-1.04)	0.19
Stage II+III (relative to I)	3.73 (1.77-7.89)	0.0006
$D_{99\%}$	0.86 (0.80-0.92)	$<10^{-4}$
Combined TTT and Ru-106	2.67 (1.35-5.26)	0.005
Variables in reduced model	HR (95% CI)	p-value
$D_{99\%}$	0.85 (0.80-0.91)	$<10^{-4}$
Stage II+III (relative to I)	3.11 (1.50-6.44)	0.002
Combined TTT and Ru-106	2.86 (1.49-5.51)	0.002
Sex (male relative to female)	1.97 (1.07-3.63)	0.03

43 HR=hazard ratio, CI=confidence interval, $D_{99\%}$ =minimum physical tumour dose, TTT=transpupillary
 44 thermotherapy, Ru-106=Ruthenium-106. HRs for a 10 Gy increase in $D_{99\%}$



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46 Figure 6: A) Tumour control probability (TCP) curves at 3 years divided into two groups based on
 47 AJCC stage (AJCC stage I and AJCC stage II+III). B) TCP curves at 7 years divided into the same staging
 48 groups. The TCP curves in A) and B) were built from Cox proportional hazard regressions, using age of
 49 62 years (median age of cohort), and male sex (the most frequent sex in the cohort). C) TCP curves
 50 using $BED_{99\%}$ at 3 years divided into the three tumour heights. D) TCP curves using $BED_{99\%}$ at 7 years
 51 divided into the three tumour heights

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53 Modelling using Biologically Effective Dose

54 Results from the $BED_{99\%}$ -based TCP analyses for the models with tumour height and AJCC stage are
 55 listed in Table 4. The latter is illustrated at 3 and 7 years after primary treatment in Figure 6C and
 56 Figure 6D, respectively. Higher AJCC stage had larger risk of local tumour recurrence relative to
 57 smaller stage.

Table 4: Cox proportional hazards using BED instead of physical dose

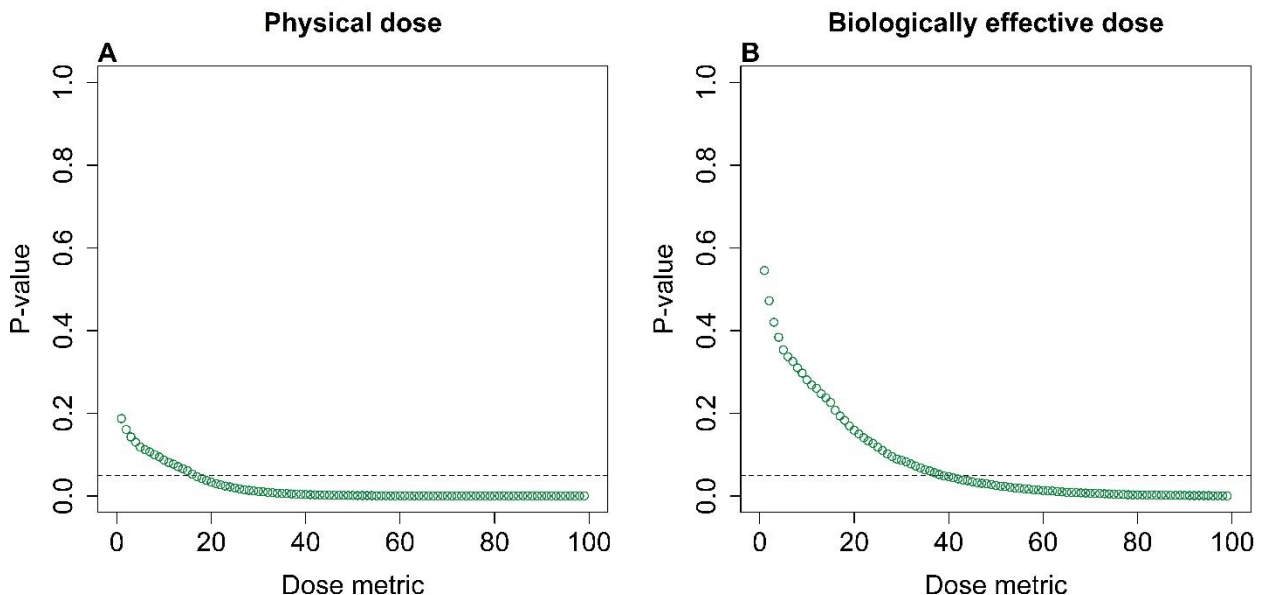
Variables in full model	Model with tumour height		Model with stage	
	HR (95% CI)	p-value	HR (95% CI)	p-value
Age	1.02 (1.00-1.05)	0.08	1.02 (1.00-1.05)	0.08
Sex (male relative to female)	2.44 (1.29-4.61)	0.006	2.35 (1.23-4.49)	0.009
Eye (left relative to right)	0.94 (0.54-1.66)	0.84	0.96 (0.55-1.70)	0.89
Tumour height	1.17 (1.02-1.33)	0.02	-	-
Optic disc-tumour distance	0.92 (0.81-1.04)	0.19	0.92 (0.81-1.04)	0.16
Stage II+III (relative to I)	-	-	2.91 (1.41-6.00)	0.004
BED _{99%}	0.99 (0.98-1.00)	0.003	0.98 (0.97-0.99)	0.0005
Combined TTT and Ru-106	1.77 (0.89-3.52)	0.10	2.30 (1.18-4.49)	0.01
Variables in reduced model	HR (95% CI)	p-value	HR (95% CI)	p-value
BED _{99%}	0.99 (0.98-0.99)	0.0005	0.98 (0.97-0.99)	0.0001
Sex (male relative to female)	2.26 (1.24-4.11)	0.007	1.95 (1.06-3.58)	0.03
Stage II+III (relative to I)	-	-	2.36 (1.18-4.72)	0.02
Combined TTT and Ru-106	2.25 (1.18-4.31)	0.01	2.48 (1.29-4.74)	0.006

59 HR=hazard ratio, CI=confidence interval, BED_{99%}=minimum biologically effective tumour dose,
60 TTT=transpupillary thermotherapy, Ru-106=Ruthenium-106. HRs for a 10 Gy increase in BED_{99%}

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62 Choice of dose metric

63 The p-values from the reduced Cox model for the full range of dose metrics are plotted in Figure 7.
64 D_{99%} and BED_{99%} had the strongest correlation, although most high dose metrics showed good
65 correlation with outcome.

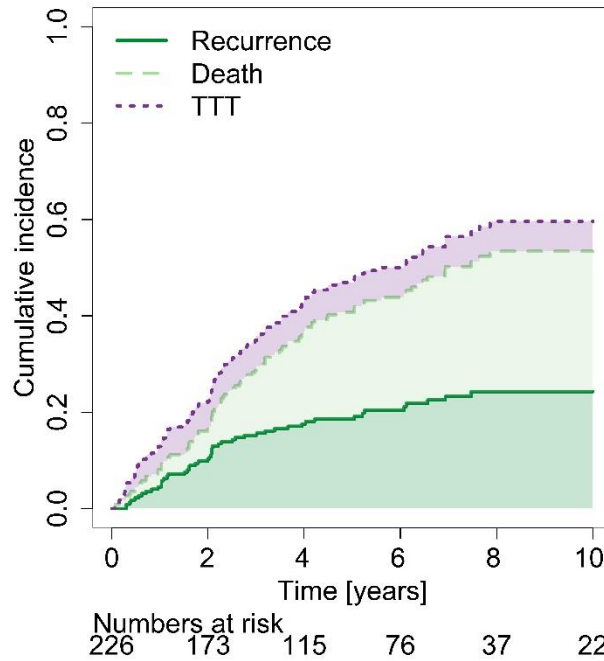


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67 Figure 7: Significance of each dose metric ranging from D_{1%}-D_{99%} (A) and BED_{1%-99%} (B). Dotted line
68 indicates p=0.05.

69 **Competing risk analysis**

70 Competing risk analysis was performed to account for death and TTT during follow-up. The
 71 cumulative incidences are illustrated in Figure 8.



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73 Figure 8: Cumulative incidences with death (light green), tumour recurrence without TTT (green), and
 74 recurrence with TTT (purple) as competing events.

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76 Taking competing risks into account did not change the overall model estimates. The hazard ratios and
 77 corresponding p-values from the competing risk analysis are listed in Table 5.

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Table 5: Reduced Cox proportional hazards accounting for competing risks.

Variables in reduced model	HR (95% CI)	p-value
D _{99%}	0.87 (0.82-0.92)	<10 ⁻⁴
Tumour height	1.11 (0.99-1.25)	0.08
Combined TTT and Ru-106	2.35 (1.26-4.37)	0.007
Sex (male relative to female)	1.53 (0.88-2.65)	0.02

79 HR=hazard ratio, CI=confidence interval, D_{99%}=minimum physical tumour dose, TTT=transpupillary
 80 thermotherapy, Ru-106=Ruthenium-106. HRs for a 10 Gy increase in D_{99%}

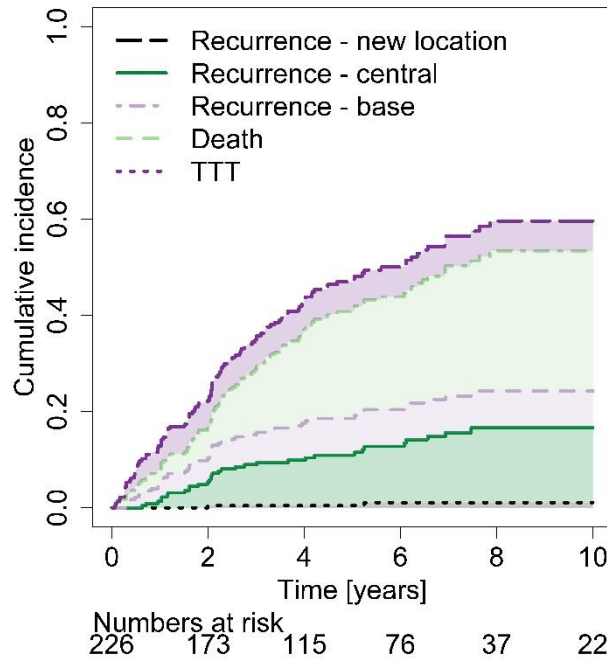
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85 Considering marginal and central tumour recurrence (separating the two types of recurrence) as well
 86 as death and TTT in follow-up as competing risks, the results appear to be driven primarily by central
 87 recurrences. The cumulative incidences are illustrated in Figure 9. The hazard ratios and
 88 corresponding p-values from the competing risk analysis are listed in Table 6 and Table 7.



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 90 Figure 9: Cumulative incidences with tumour recurrence without TTT in a new location (black),
 91 marginal tumour recurrence without TTT (dark green), death (light green), central tumour recurrence
 92 without TTT (light purple), death (light green), and recurrence with TTT (dark purple) as competing
 93 events.

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 95 Table 6: Reduced Cox proportional hazards accounting for competing risks and distinguishing
 96 between different recurrence phenotypes.
 97 Endpoint: Central recurrence

Variables in reduced model	HR (95% CI)	p-value
D _{99%}	0.82 (0.76-0.89)	<10 ⁻⁴
Tumour height	1.15 (1.00-1.32)	0.05
Combined TTT and Ru-106	0.74 (0.33-1.66)	0.47
Sex (male relative to female)	1.20 (0.57-2.55)	0.63

98 HR=hazard ratio, CI=confidence interval, D_{99%}=minimum physical tumour dose, TTT=transpupillary
 99 thermotherapy, Ru-106=Ruthenium-106. HRs for a 10 Gy increase in D_{99%}

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103 Table 7: Reduced Cox proportional hazards accounting for competing risks and distinguishing
 104 between different recurrence phenotypes.
 105 Endpoint: Marginal recurrence

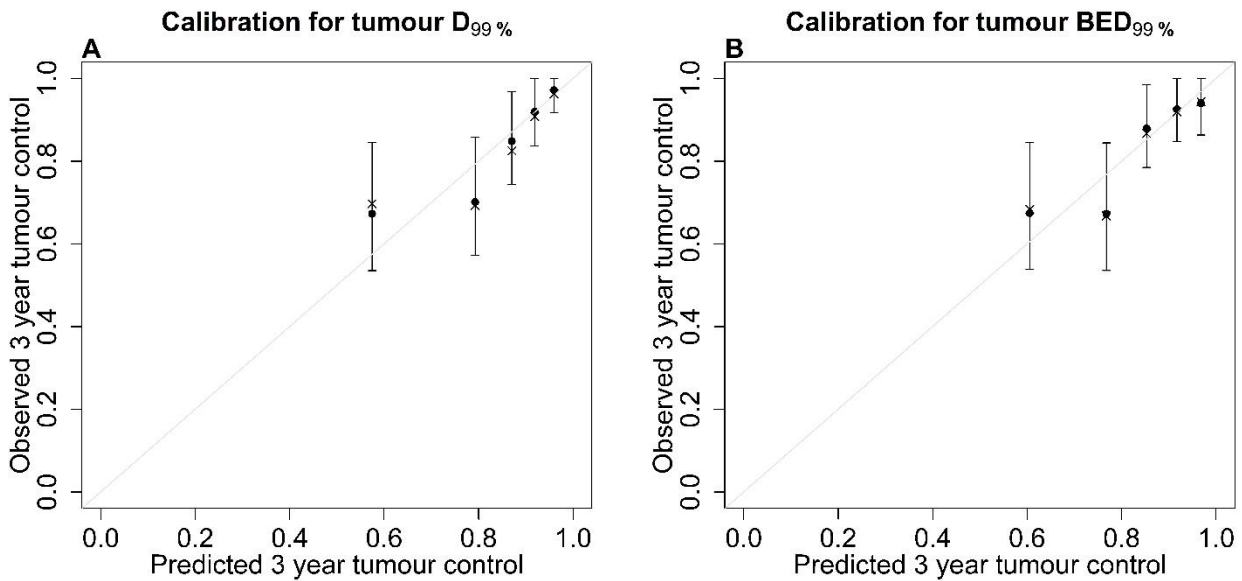
Variables in reduced model	HR (95% CI)	p-value
D _{99%}	0.97 (0.91-1.04)	0.39
Tumour height	1.04 (0.83-1.32)	0.72
Combined TTT and Ru-106	8.94 (3.17-25.2)	<10 ⁻⁴
Sex (male relative to female)	3.83 (1.43-10.2)	0.63

106 HR=hazard ratio, CI=confidence interval, D_{99%}=minimum physical tumour dose, TTT=transpupillary
 107 thermotherapy, Ru-106=Ruthenium-106. HRs for a 10 Gy increase in D_{99%}

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109 **Calibration**

110 The calibration plots for predicted versus observed 3-year tumour control are illustrated in Figure 9
 111 for both D_{99%} and BED_{99%}. The calibration analyses showed good correlation between observed and
 112 predicted tumour control.



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114 Figure 10: Calibration plots for predicted versus observed 3-year tumour control for the reduced Cox
 115 model with D_{99%} (A) and BED_{99%} (B). The grey line represents perfect prediction. Intervals with
 116 40 patients in each was used (and resampled 500 times to produce 95 % confidence intervals).