

Appendix 1: Meta-analyses and indirect comparison – additional analyses

Additional analyses were performed to assess the impact of the inclusion/exclusion of the maintenance phase on the hazard ratio for overall survival of MPT vs. MP and VMP vs. MPT.

Two types of analyses were performed:

1. Cumulative hazard ratio for each individual study in order to identify the maintenance phase on the plots
2. Cumulative HR after meta-analysing the five MPT studies.

As the length of 'induction' in the abstract by Gulbrandsen study is not clear, two alternative scenarios are presented in addition to our base case scenarios. These are based on the duration of the 'induction' period in the studies by Palumbo and Wijermans.

- Alternative scenario 1: Hulin and Facon: whole duration of the studies; Palumbo = first 24 weeks; Wijermans = first 32 weeks; Gulbrandsen first 24 weeks
- Alternative scenario 2: Hulin and Facon: whole duration of the studies; Palumbo = first 24 weeks; Wijermans = first 32 weeks; Gulbrandsen first 32 weeks;

The results are embedded in the attached spreadsheet and presented as cumulative hazard ratios for overall survival for up to 48 months



Results
cumulative HR OS