

Supplementary Table S1. Ranking of six treatment goals (N = 14)

Treatment goal	Mean rank	Median	Ranked first, n	Top two, n	Bottom two, n
Cure	2.00	1.0	8	10	1
Quality of life	2.71	2.0	1	8	2
Symptom relief	3.43	4.0	2	5	3
Whether a permanent stoma would be required	3.79	4.0	2	4	6
Duration of time usual activities could be maintained	4.50	4.5	0	0	7
Treatment-related adverse effects	4.57	5.0	1	1	9

Note. Lower rank values indicate greater importance. All 14 participants provided a complete ranking without duplicate or omitted positions.