

Supplementary Table S5. Endpoint response patterns across the two threshold items (n = 12 with both items completed)

Response pattern	n/12	%
Final category (10-15%) on recurrence-risk threshold	1	8.3
Final category ($\geq 30\%$) on survival-improvement threshold	9	75.0
Final category on both threshold items	1	8.3
First recurrence-risk category + final survival-improvement category	4	33.3

Note. Only one participant selected the final category on both items. The distribution therefore does not suggest a uniform tendency to choose the same endpoint across threshold questions, although the survival-improvement item remained top-coded at $\geq 30\%$.

Supplementary descriptive observations

Among the 12 participants who completed both threshold items, the response patterns varied substantially across questions. This variation, together with the low frequency of selecting the final category on both items, was used only as a descriptive check against a nonspecific endpoint-response tendency; no formal test of response style or measurement validity was undertaken.

One participant had direct experience of a permanent stoma. This participant ranked permanent stoma second among the six treatment goals, selected surgery if cure could be expected in the salvage-treatment scenario, and required a survival improvement of $\geq 30\%$ to accept surgery. Because this observation concerns a single participant, it is not used as inferential evidence but illustrates the possibility that strong concern about a treatment burden can coexist with willingness to accept it when the perceived benefit is sufficiently large.