Table 2: EORTC results (median (interquartile range)). *The scores range from 0 to 100. In regards to general quality of life and functional scales, higher scores equate to better quality of life. For the symptomatic scale high scores mean more/worse symptoms. The results are presented for the group as a whole, according to gender and type of operation.*

Functional scales	All (n=80)	F (n=36)	M (n=44)	Stoma (n=44)	No stoma (n=36)
Body Image	88 (50-100)	88 (67-100)	88 (44-100)	88 (44-100)	88 (67-100)
Anxiety	67 (67-100)	67 (67-100)	67 (33-100)	67 (67-100)	67 (33-100)
Weight	100 (100)	100 (67-100)	67 (67-100)	67 (67-100)	100 (67-100)
Sex male	33 (0-67)	x	33 (0-67)	33 (17-33)	33 (0-67)
Sex female	67 (33-75)	67 (33-75)	x	67 (67-100)	67 (33-67)
Symptom scales					
Urinary Frequency	17 (0-33)	17 (0-33)	17 (0-33)	17 (0-33)	17 (0-33)
Blood and mucus in stool	0 (0)	0 (0-17)	0 (0-8)	0 (0)	8 (0-21)
Stool frequency	17 (0-50)	33 (0-67)	17 (0-42)	0 (0-17)	50 (33-67)
Urinary incontinence	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Dysuria	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Abdominal pain	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	33 (0-33)
Buttoc pain	0 (0-33)	17 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	0 (0)	33 (0-33)
Bloating	0 (0-33)	33 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	33 (0-33)
Dry mouth	0 (0-33)	0 (0-42)	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)
Hair loss	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Taste	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Flatulence	33 (0-33)	33 (0-67)	33 (0-33)	33 (33-67)	0 (0)
Faecal incontinence	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)
Sore skin	33 (0-33)	33 (33-67)	33 (0-33)	33 (33)	33 (0-33)
Embarrassment	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	33 (0-33)
Stoma care problems	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	X
Impotence	0 (0-33)	x	0 (0-33)	33 (0-50)	0 (0-33)
Dyspareunia	0 (0-33)	0 (0-33)	X	33 (0-67)	0 (0-25)