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Literature review for definition of neglected cancers

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Abbreviations

CNS	Central nervous system
CR	Cancer registry
DOI	Digital Object Identifier
ENCR	European Network of Cancer Registries
ESMO	European Society of Medical Oncology
HR	High Resolution
iPAAC	Innovative Partnership for Action Against Cancer
JA	Joint Action
JRC	Joint Research Center
M/I ratio	Mortality/incidence ratio
PC	Pancreatic cancer
RS	Relative survival
WP	Work Package

Executive summary

One of the aims of The Innovative Partnership for Action Against Cancer (iPAAC) is to provide better efficacy for dealing with “neglected cancers”, through the development of new key indicators to assess clinical cancer pathways and health-related costs, with focus on pancreatic cancer (PC), as an example

A common understanding of the definition of “neglected cancer” is desirable and yet missing. To address this, we conducted a systematic literature review and an analysis on population-based data on solid cancers incidence, mortality, and survival. Five similar but distinct meanings of the term “neglected cancer” emerged: in all definitions, the concept coincided with that of cancers with high health impact, i.e., high incidence and mortality rates, and low survival due to either tumour biological aggressiveness, late diagnosis, or lack of effective treatments. By using age-standardised incidence, mortality and survival estimates available at the population level, it was possible to quantify the health impact of these cancers, to propose criteria for their definition, and develop a list of “neglected cancers”. In our analysis, tumours of the pancreas, gallbladder and biliary tract, stomach, liver, and brain and central nervous system, which are not rare, are characterised by moderate incidence and mortality rates (<20 per 100000), high (≥ 0.7) mortality/incidence (M/I) ratio, and low survival (relative survival $\leq 40\%$ at 1 year, $\leq 30\%$ at 3 or 5 years after diagnosis). The above cancers all highlight an emerging public-health problem: improvements in prevention, detection, and treatment are urgently required, especially for pancreatic cancer, showing the highest M/I ratio and the lowest survival at 1-year, 3 years and 5 years after diagnosis.

1 Introduction

The Innovative Partnership for Action Against Cancer (iPAAC) was funded within the Third Health Programme 2014–2020 with the general aim of developing innovative approaches to improve cancer control in Europe. One of its aims is to provide better efficacy for dealing with “neglected cancers”, through the development of new key indicators useful to assess clinical cancer pathways and health-related costs, with focus on pancreatic cancer (PC).

A common understanding of the definition of “neglected cancer” is yet missing. It is known that, in Europe, PCs carries higher incidence and mortality than elsewhere [Ferlay J et al, 2013a; Ferlay J et al, 2013b]. It is also known that, from 2000 to 2007, PC incidence and survival increased slightly, particularly among the elderly and among women, with persisting low survival ($\leq 8\%$ at 5-year after diagnosis [Minicozzi P et al, 2018]), thus highlighting an emerging public-health problem.

Improvements in prevention, detection, and treatment are urgently needed.

Since 2011, the European Member States have been working on joint actions to reduce cancer incidence and mortality, and improve patient quality of life [European Commission, 2017]. Studies on PC patient pathways are crucial to produce recommendations, as well as for highlighting challenges and opportunities for better care and outcomes (e.g., improving detection, diagnosis and access to proper care). A description of the PC care pathway, from diagnosis to terminal care, may provide useful information to better understand deficiencies in diagnosis and treatment that impact quality of care and quality of life.

Work package 8 task 1 (WP8.1) of the iPAAC Joint Action (JA) aims to reach a scientific definition of “neglected cancers”.

2 Materials and methods

In order to meet aim 1) we performed a systematic literature review and a population-based analysis of the latest available data on incidence, mortality, and survival, for all solid cancer entities.

2.1 Systematic literature review

The aim of the systematic literature review was to systematically explore the use and the meaning of the term “neglected cancer” in international literature. Therefore, we searched the PubMed and Scopus databases, without limitations on study design, date of publication, or language. We considered all articles published up to December 15, 2018 and including the

following keywords: “neglected” and “cancer” (or potential synonyms used in the literature). In particular, the search string was defined as follows: “[neglected] AND ([cancer*] OR [tumo*] OR [neoplas*] OR [carcin*])”, with “*” replacing zero or more characters, thus consenting to find word variations, and to include all possible suffixes.

The search was conducted in the title, abstract, and keyword fields of the databases.

The initial set of results was constituted by 3961 and 8467 publications in PubMed and Scopus, respectively. Out of the articles found in Scopus, 5555 had an identification number in PubMed, and 750 out of the remaining 2912 were trackable in PubMed by using the Digital Object Identifier (DOI). Thus, 6305 out of 8467 (74.5%) publications extracted by Scopus were also included in PubMed. To reduce the initial result, we used the proximity function (indicating the distance between words, but not the order) available in Scopus as a filter. In conclusion, we analysed articles with a maximum distance of two words between “neglected” and “cancer” (or any of the above cited synonyms). Three-hundred and seventeen publications were found in Scopus, and all of them were read by PM (screening phase).

2.2 Population-based analysis

Considering that one of the possible meanings of the term “neglected cancer” found with the systematic revision was a cancer with a health impact in terms of high incidence, high mortality, and poor prognosis, the aim of the population-based analysis on solid cancers was to quantify the health impact and to identify cancers sharing these characteristics to be included in the “neglected cancers” group. We analysed incidence and mortality for patients diagnosed up to 2012, and projected up to 2018, together with survival estimates for patients diagnosed in 2000–2007, and followed-up to the end of 2008. All three indicators were derived from population-based cancer registry (CR) data. Incidence and mortality data were accessed from the online ENCR-JRC (Joint Research Center) database [ECIS, 2017], survival data were accessed from the online EUROCARE database [EUROCARE, 1989].

For both the datasets, European estimates correspond to the 28 European and European Free Trade Association countries. Since we used two separate datasets of derived (not raw) data, we foresaw compatibility problems in the definition of cancer sites (Table 1) and number of CRs included. In the final analyses, we used data on 27 solid cancers with overlapping or very similar definitions (Table 1). Since the definition of haematological malignancies was based on the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICDO [Friz et al, 2013]) topography

codes in the ENCR-JRC database but on ICDO morphology codes in the EUROCARE database, these entities were not considered for the analyses.

2.2.1 Statistical analyses

We accessed age-standardised (direct method) estimates of incidence, mortality, and survival. In order to provide a better representation of the current European age structure compared to the European standard population of 1976 [EUROSTAT, 1976], incidence and mortality rates were age-standardised according to the European standard population introduced in 2013 [EUROSTAT, 2013].

One-, 3-, and 5-year relative survival (RS) figures in 2000-2007 were estimated by using the complete cohort approach, together with the Ederer II method [Brenner et al., 1997] to account for background mortality not due to the cancer (which varies by country) [Rossi et al, 2015]. The mean European survival was available after weighting country-specific survival by the country population and age-standardising according to the International Cancer Survival Standard [Corazziari et al, 2004].

3 Results

3.1 Systematic literature review

The results of the screening and categorisation processes are illustrated in Figure 1.

Out of 317 papers, 124 (39%) referred to a field which was not relevant to our search (e.g., mutations, cancer mechanisms, and aspects of quality of life or sexuality). For a further 35 papers (11%) abstracts and full-texts were inaccessible, and for 15 papers (4%) we were not able to discern the meaning of the term “neglected cancer”.

Thus, 143 papers (listed in Annex 1) were finally categorised.

Figure 1. Flow chart illustrating the review selection process

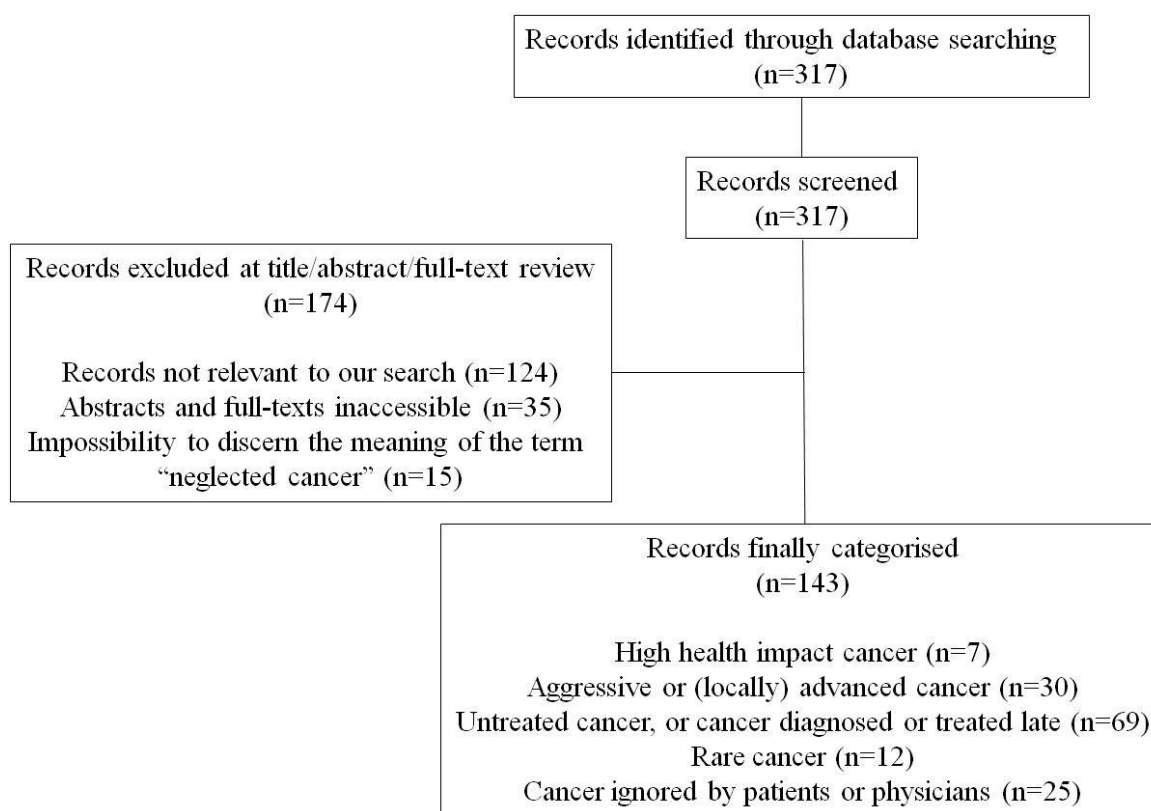


Figure 2. Distribution of publication years for papers including the term “neglected cancer”

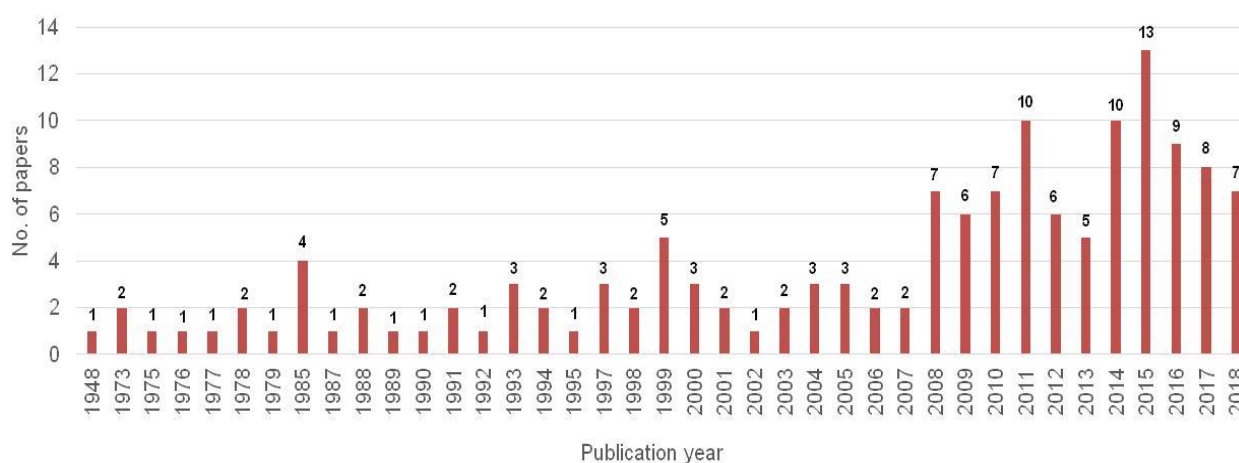
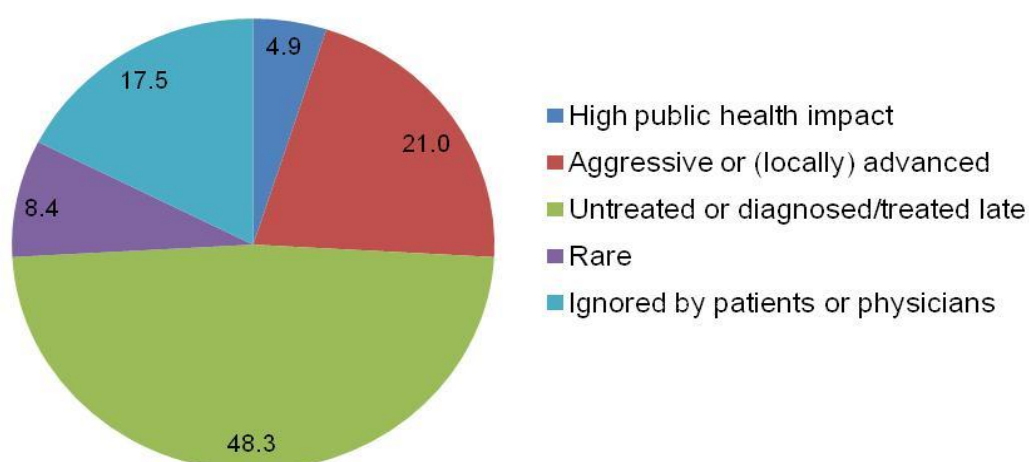


Figure 3. Distribution of meanings of the term “neglected cancer”



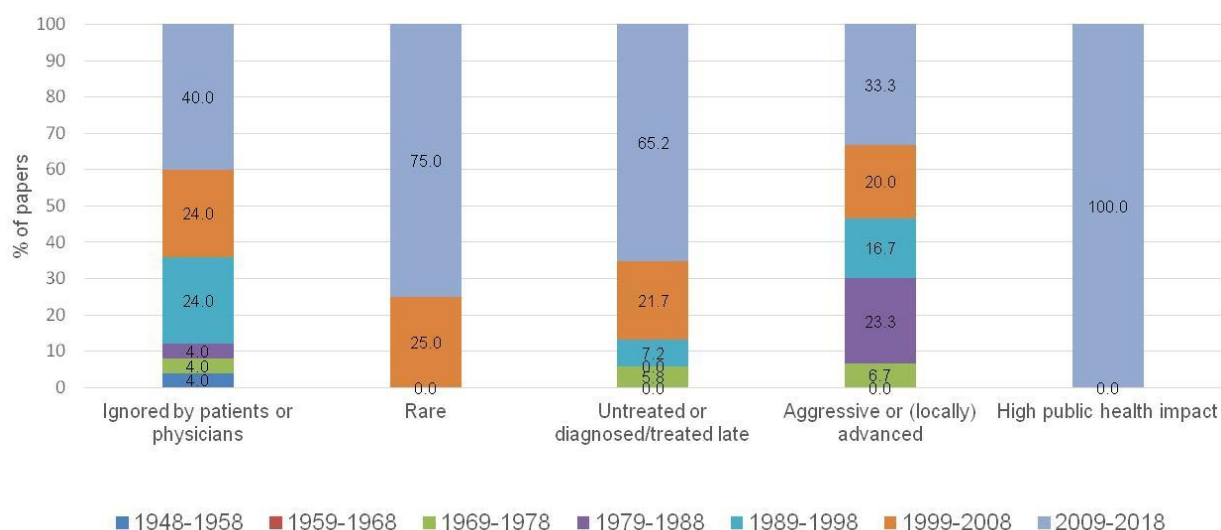
The number of publications including the term “neglected cancer” (or synonyms) increased over the years (Figure 2).

We divided the papers according to 5 categories: cancers producing a high impact on health (high public health impact), aggressive or (locally) advanced cancers, untreated cancers (including cancers diagnosed or treated late), rare cancers, and cancers ignored by patients or physicians (Figure 3).

It emerged that in 21% of the papers, “neglected cancer” was either an aggressive or (locally) advanced cancer; in 48% the term referred to a cancer which either was untreated, or diagnosed/treated months or years late; in 8% the term referred to a rare cancer; in 18% the term referred to a cancer ignored by patients or physicians; and in 5% the term referred to a cancer defined as one with a major health impact, e.g. characterised by high incidence, or high mortality/poor prognosis (Figures 1 and 3).

The meaning of the term “neglected cancer” as a cancer with public health impact was used only in the last ten years, similarly to that of “rare cancer”, which was used only during ‘21s (Figure 4). The meaning as “aggressive or (locally) advanced” was quite homogenously distributed over the years 1990-2018. All five meanings were used in the last two decades.

Figure 4. Distribution of meanings of the term “neglected cancer”, by publication year



3.2 Population-based analysis

The mortality/incidence (M/I) ratio, and the 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year RS for men, women, and sexes combined are reported in Table 2 and Figure 5.

Focusing on Figure 5, a group of cancer entities is always placed in the lower right part of the Figure, for both men and women, both overall and separately. This group includes cancers of the pancreas, liver, gallbladder, stomach, oesophagus, lung, and brain and central nervous system (CNS), regardless of the years after diagnosis.

For all these cancers, the M/I ratio is 0.70 or higher (Table 2), with age-standardised incidence ranging from 5 to 19 per 100000 and mortality from 3.5 to 18 per 100000 (Annex 2), with the exception of lung cancer, for which age-standardised incidence and mortality rates were 69 and 56 per 100000, overall. As regards survival, for all cancers above, 1-year RS was 50% or lower, and 3-year or 5-year RS were 30% or lower (Table 2). Furthermore, the increase in 5-year RS from 1999 to 2007 was very small (3 absolute percentage points or lower, Annex 2). PC is characterised by the lowest M/I ratio and the lowest RS at 1 year, 3 and 5 years after diagnosis.

Other cancer entities were characterised by modest incidence and mortality rates, i.e., cancers of the ovary (incidence rate: 16 per 100000; mortality rate: 11 per 100000), cervix uteri and kidney (12; 5), and bladder (12; 4) in women, and of the larynx (10; 5), and lip, oral cavity, and

tongue (12; 4) in men. However, in these cases M/I was 0.4 or lower, except for ovarian cancers, characterised by 0.68 M/I ratio, but 70% RS at 1 year after diagnosis (Table 2).

Table 1. Cancer entities included in the incidence/mortality and survival databases, and analysed in the present work: site definitions follow the tenth revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) and the third revision of the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICDO-3), respectively.

Cancer entity	Incidence/ mortality analyses (ICD-10)	Survival analyses (ICDO-3)	Included in the final analyses
Lip, oral cavity	C00-06		No
Lip		C00	
Tongue and lingual tonsil		C01-02	
Oral Cavity		C03-06	
Salivary Glands	C07-08	C07-08	Yes
Oropharynx	C09-10	C09-10	Yes
Nasopharynx	C11	C11	Yes
Hypopharynx	C12-13	C12-13	Yes
Oesophagus	C15	C15	Yes
Stomach	C16	C16	Yes
Colo-rectum	C18-20	C18-21	Yes
Anus	C21		No
Liver, primary	C22	C22	yes
Gallbladder and biliary tract	C23-24	C23-C24	yes
Pancreas	C25	C25	yes
Nasal cavities and sinuses		C30-31	No
Larynx	C32	C32	yes
Lung, bronchus and trachea	C33-34	C33-C34	yes
Pleura		C384	No
Bone and cartilages		C40-41	No
Soft tissue		C380,C47,C49	No
Melanoma of skin	C43	C44	yes
Breast	C50	C50	yes
Vagina and vulva		C51,C529,C578,C579	yes
Vulva	C51		
Vagina	C52		
Cervix uteri	C53	C53	yes
Corpus uteri	C54	C54	yes
Ovary	C56		yes
Ovary and uterine adnexa		C569,C570-C574, C577	
Penis	C60	C60, C63	yes
Prostate	C61	C61	yes
Testis	C62	C62	yes
Kidney	C64-65		yes
Kidney (including renal pelvis)		C64-C66,C68	
Bladder	C67	C67	yes
Melanoma of choroid		C693	yes
Brain and central nervous system	C70-72	C71-721, C751, C753	yes
Thyroid gland	C73	C73	yes

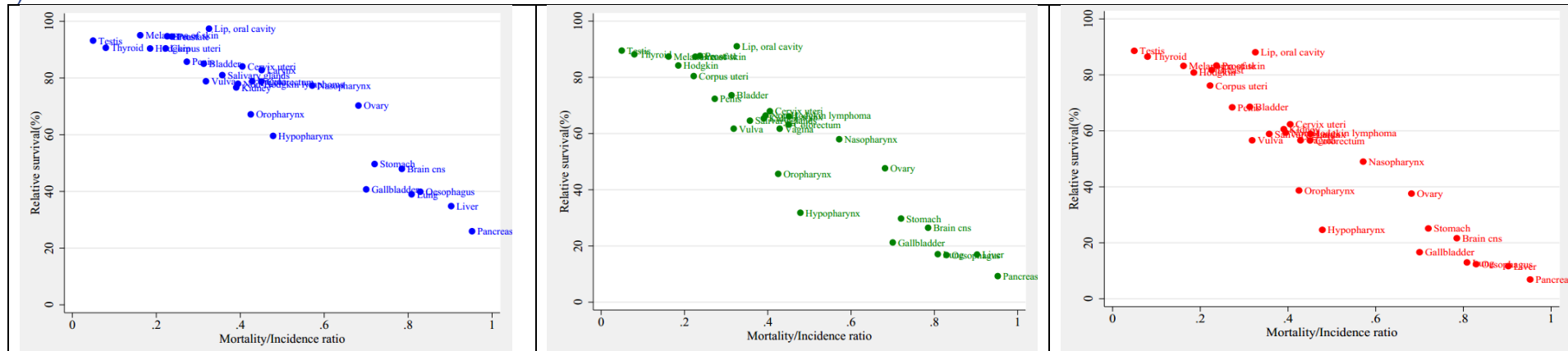
Table 2. Mortality/incidence (M/I) ratio in relation to 1-year, 3-year and 5-year relative survival (RS, %), by cancer entity and sex

Cancer entity	Men and women				Men				Women			
	M/I	1-year RS (%)	3-year RS (%)	5-year RS (%)	M/I	1-year RS (%)	3-year RS (%)	5-year RS (%)	M/I	1-year RS (%)	3-year RS (%)	5-year RS (%)
Pancreas	0.95	25.96	9.28	6.90	0.96	24.68	8.56	6.30	0.95	27.91	10.42	7.86
Liver	0.90	34.82	16.95	11.68	0.89	35.16	16.91	11.46	0.97	34.89	17.52	12.53
Oesophagus	0.83	39.89	16.78	12.37	0.85	39.66	16.28	11.86	0.82	41.76	19.47	15.47
Lung	0.81	38.99	17.09	12.99	0.85	37.63	15.87	11.97	0.75	42.84	20.67	15.87
Brain CNS [‡]	0.78	47.95	26.48	21.65	0.80	47.04	24.97	20.20	0.77	49.08	28.49	23.67
Stomach	0.72	49.66	29.76	25.14	0.72	48.89	28.40	23.74	0.73	51.10	32.27	27.68
Gallbladder	0.70	40.73	21.25	16.65	0.67	44.17	23.29	18.09	0.74	38.41	19.66	15.89
Ovary	0.68	70.28	47.66	37.60					0.68	70.28	47.66	37.60
Nasopharynx	0.57	77.33	57.99	49.01	0.55	76.32	56.18	47.17	0.50	80.20	63.12	54.73
Hypopharynx	0.48	59.58	31.83	24.64	0.47	59.31	31.26	23.93	0.40	63.36	35.73	28.90
Colorectum	0.45	78.74	63.20	56.57	0.47	78.66	62.84	55.79	0.44	79.05	63.85	57.66
Larynx	0.45	82.78	66.11	58.91	0.47	82.97	66.25	58.99	0.38	81.41	66.29	59.57
Oropharynx	0.43	67.17	45.66	38.71	0.48	65.59	43.43	36.41	0.30	72.54	55.03	48.60
Vagina	0.43	78.86	61.74	56.63					0.43	78.86	61.74	56.63
Cervix uteri	0.40	84.08	67.96	62.36					0.40	84.08	67.96	62.36
Kidney	0.39	76.67	65.40	60.60	0.41	76.33	64.66	59.78	0.37	77.53	67.00	62.35
Salivary glands	0.36	81.02	64.59	58.91	0.44	77.77	58.27	51.49	0.30	85.45	73.11	68.94
Vulva	0.32	78.86	61.74	56.63					0.32	78.86	61.74	56.63
Bladder	0.31	85.04	73.65	68.60	0.32	86.24	74.73	69.41	0.34	81.66	70.48	66.39
Penis	0.27	85.75	72.37	68.42	0.27	85.75	72.37	68.42				
Prostate	0.24	94.61	87.65	83.36	0.24	94.61	87.65	83.36				
Breast	0.23	94.73	87.36	81.75					0.23	94.76	87.39	81.78
Corpus uteri	0.22	90.45	80.46	76.19					0.22	90.45	80.46	76.19
Skin melanoma	0.16	95.08	87.40	83.22	0.19	93.87	84.18	79.16	0.13	96.14	90.13	86.58
Thyroid	0.08	90.66	88.20	86.52	0.16	87.75	83.78	81.17	0.05	91.62	89.65	88.26
Testis	0.05	93.19	89.52	88.60	0.05	93.19	89.52	88.60				

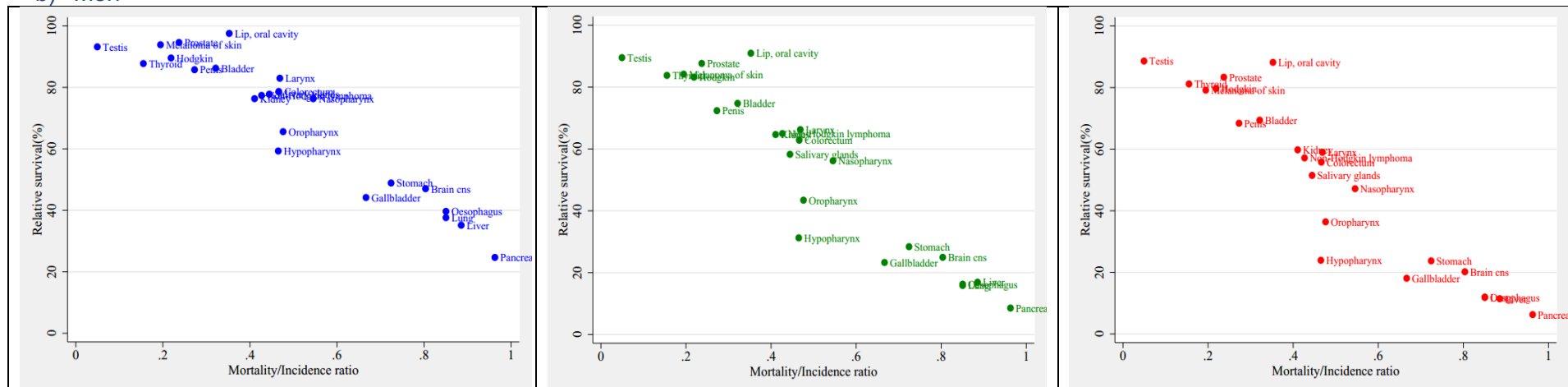
[‡]CNS, central nervous system;

Figure 5. Mortality/incidence ratio in relation to 1-year (blue), 3-year (green) and 5-year (red) relative survival, by cancer entity and sex.

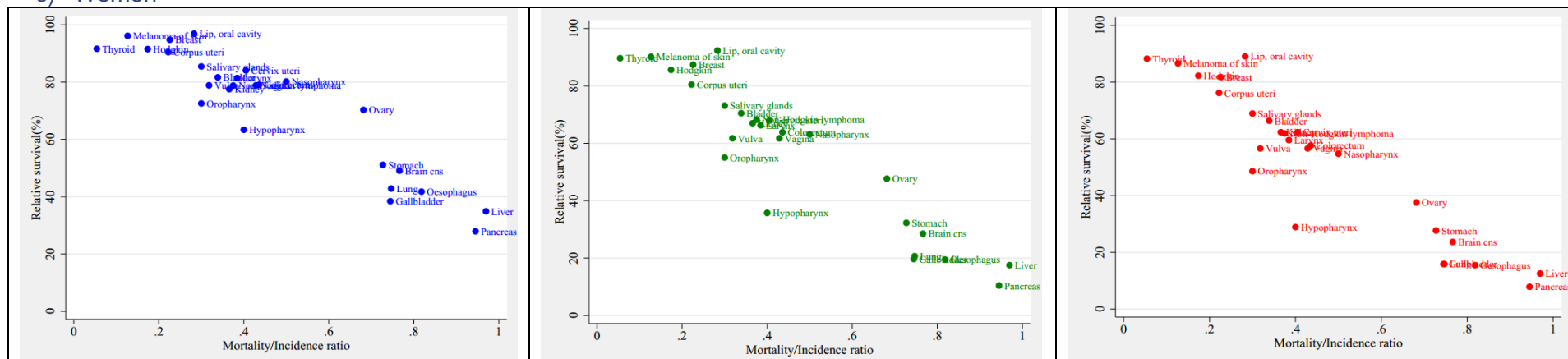
a) Men and women



b) Men



c) Women



4 Discussion

The work in WP8 task 1 comprises a systematic literature review, an analysis on population-based data on incidence, mortality, and survival for all solid cancer entities, as well as the building of a list of variables to be collected for possible studies on the PC care pathways and patients' outcomes, both at population and hospital level.

The systematic literature review and the analyses of the three indicators at the population level were useful to reach a scientific definition of the term “neglected cancer”.

Although the term did not have a uniform meaning in the literature, the various definitions share the same characteristics, thus consenting to define the “neglected cancers” as those cancers bearing a high health impact due to (modestly) high incidence and mortality and, low survival due to either tumour biological aggressiveness, late diagnosis, or lack of effective treatments. In order to quantify the “modestly high” incidence and mortality rates, and the “low” survival, we carried out analyses of the three indicators at the population level.

We found that a restricted group of cancer entities had the following in common:

- M/I ratio equal to 0.7 or higher
- 1-year RS equal to 40% or lower
- 3-year and 5-year RS equal to 30% or lower

The group of cancer entities sharing these characteristics were:

- pancreatic cancer
- cancer of the liver
- cancers of the gallbladder and biliary tract
- stomach cancer
- cancer of the brain and CNS

Lung and oesophageal cancers were also included. However, age-standardised lung cancer incidence and mortality rates are higher than 20 per 10000, in contrast to all above cancers, whose incidence rates ranged from 5 to 19 per 100000, and mortality rates ranged from 3.5 to 18 per 100000. Additionally, improvements in clinical research leading to better understanding of molecular and immune mechanisms and development of new effective drugs for specific lung cancer subtypes occurred in the last few years [Herbst et al, 2018]. Since, this innovation regards a relatively small part of the whole lung cancer incidence, it may become evident in population-based statistics over the next years. Furthermore, screening in heavy smokers through spiral computed tomography may positively impact on lung cancer mortality. However,

primary prevention remains the most effective action through promotion of smoking avoidance or cessations especially in the young population. For this reason, lung cancer falls out of the neglected cancers category.

To our knowledge, this is the first attempt to provide a scientific definition of the term “neglected cancer”, even if the exercise was limited to solid cancers.

One of the main concepts included in the “neglected cancers” definition is that these tumours are not rare tumours [RARECARENet, 2012]. For this reason, we excluded oesophageal cancers from the list. Additionally, as almost all haematological diseases are included in the rare cancers group, their omission did not bias the results of the population-based analysis we did, in support of the systematic literature review. Exceptions were Non-Hodgkin lymphomas and chronic lymphocytic leukaemias, which were not included in the analyses for compatibility problems related to ICD-O topography and morphology definitions adopted in the ENCR-JRC and EUROCare databases, respectively.

The systematic literature review involved, in the end, only the Scopus database. This should not be seen as a limit, as only 63% (3961 out of 6305) of the articles included in PubMed were initially extracted using the same search string to that applied in Scopus.

4.1 Conclusions

In conclusion, we propose the following definition: Neglected cancers are tumours with a high health impact in terms of incidence, mortality and survival. They are non rare cancers with

- incidence and mortality rate <20 per 100000 but high (≥ 0.7) M/I ratio
- low survival (RS $\leq 40\%$ at 1 year, $\leq 30\%$ at 3 or 5 years after diagnosis)

Mainly gastrointestinal tumours, brain and CNS tumours, and PC fall under the above definition. Of these, PC is the important and most representative, due to the highest M/I ratio and the lowest survival at 1, 3 and 5 years after diagnosis.

PC and the other neglected cancers represent an emerging public-health problem: improvements in prevention, detection, and treatment are urgently required, with the final aim to improve the poor prognosis that characterises them all.

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Annex 1

List of articles identified through the Scopus database searching together with the corresponding assigned category

No.	Paper	Category
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2	Thavaneswaran S, Sebastian L, Ballinger M, Best M, Hess D, Lee CK, Sjoquist KM, Hague WE, Butow PN, Simes RJ, Thomas D. Cancer Molecular Screening and Therapeutics (MoST): a framework for multiple, parallel signal-seeking studies of targeted therapies for rare and neglected cancers. Med J Aust. 2018; 209: 354-443.	high health impact
3	Bridges JFP, Janssen EM, Ferris A, Dy SM. Project Transform: engaging patient advocates to share their perspectives on improving research, treatment and policy. Curr Med Res Opin. 2018; 34: 1755-385.	aggressive or (locally) advanced
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Annex 2

Age-standardised incidence and mortality rates (per 100000), together with percentage change in relative survival (absolute percentage points) from 1999 to 2007 for all solid cancer entities analysed.

Cancer entity	Men and women			Men		Women	
	Incidence	Mortality	Change [†]	Incidence	Mortality	Incidence	Mortality
Pancreas	18.8	17.9	1.0*	21.5	20.7	16.4	15.5
Liver	12.3	11.1	3.0*	19.2	17.0	6.6	6.4
Oesophagus	7.6	6.3	1.0*	12.7	10.8	3.3	2.7
Lung	68.8	55.6	na	96.9	82.4	46.6	34.8
Brain CNS [‡]	9.3	7.3	2.5*	11.2	9.0	7.7	5.9
Stomach	15.0	10.8	1.8	21.4	15.5	9.9	7.2
Gallbladder	5.0	3.5	3.0*	5.4	3.6	4.7	3.5
Ovary	15.7	10.7	na			15.7	10.7
Nasopharynx	0.7	0.4	2.9*	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.2
Hypopharynx	2.3	1.1	3.9*	4.3	2.0	0.5	0.2
Colorectum	71.3	32.1	5.0*	90.3	42.1	56.2	24.5
Larynx	5.1	2.3	0.4	9.6	4.5	1.3	0.5
Oropharynx	4.0	1.7	3.4*	6.3	3.0	2.0	0.6
Vagina	0.7	0.3	na			0.7	0.3
Cervix uteri	12.1	4.9	4.0*			12.1	4.9
Kidney	18.7	7.3	4.0*	26.3	10.8	12.3	4.5
Salivary glands	1.4	0.5		1.8	0.8	1.0	0.3
Vulva	4.4	1.4	na			4.4	1.4
Bladder	31	9.7	2.0*	55.4	17.8	12.1	4.1
Penis	2.2	0.6	1.2	2.2	0.6		
Prostate	159.5	37.8	8.0*	159.5	37.8		
Breast	145.2	32.8	2.0*			145.2	32.8
Corpus uteri	27.9	6.2	na			27.9	6.2
Skin melanoma	23.5	3.8	3.0*	25.7	5.0	22.1	2.8
Thyroid	11.3	0.9	6.0*	5.8	0.9	16.6	0.9
Testis	8.1	0.4	1.8	8.1	0.4		

[†]Absolute percentage point difference between survival for latest available and first time point, i.e. 1999 and 2007, except for breast cancer (1999 and 2004) and cancer of the liver (1999 and 2002); na, not available; *statistically significant (p<0.05) difference;

[‡]CNS, central nervous system;

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