## **Online Supplemental Material 2**

Table S1 - General characteristics of all identified procedures, as well as of the reviewed sample of procedures.

Category: Number of occurrer  All Maintenance procedures 2012-2022: 2		urrences
		297
negative opinion:		8
withdrawn <sup>1</sup>		92
positive opinion:		197
positive opinion without significant benefit		46
positive opinion + significant benefit (selected samp	le):	151
List of questions issued regarding significant benefit? yes:		75
	no:	76
Grounds for positive opinion:	clinically relevant advantage:	129
	major contribution to patient care:	15
	clinically relevant advantage + major contribution to patient care:	7
Therapeutic area:	oncology:	68
	non-oncology:	83

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>There can be various reasons for withdrawals, such as if the designation holder anticipates a negative opinion from COMP, or if the designation holder received a negative opinion from CHMP, or if there are changes in the designation holder's regulatory strategy.