

Quality of data with emphasis on completeness and internal consistency using the JRC-ENCR QCS

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"the extent to which all of the incident cancers occurring in the population are included in the registry database"

D M Parkin and F Bray, Eur J Cancer 2009



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Quality of data: completeness

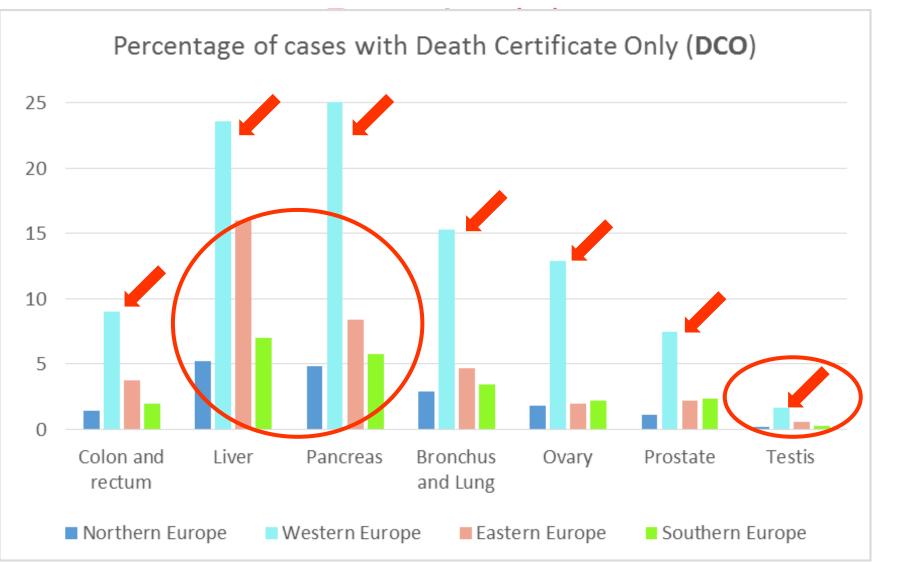
- Qualitative methods
 - experts' role
 - automated evaluation (software)
- Quantitative methods
 - analytical indicators derived from auxiliary variables

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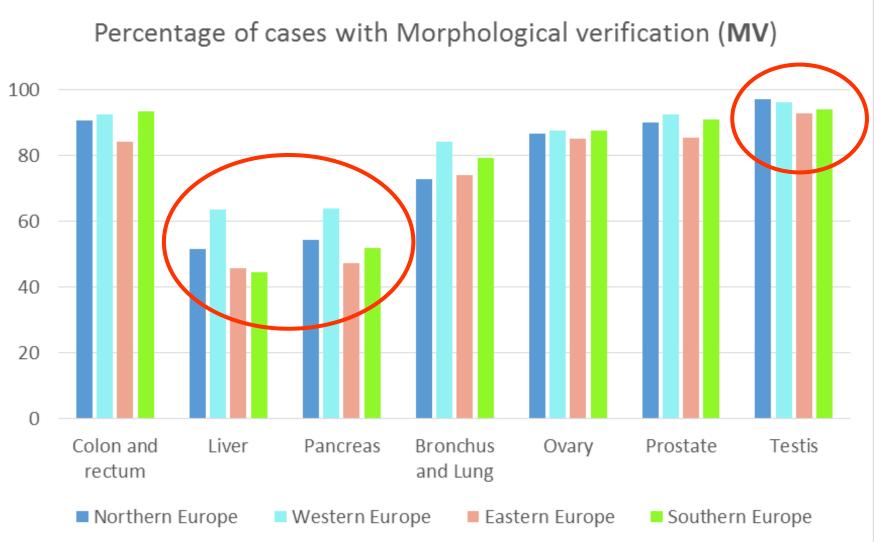
- DCO (Death Certificate only): patients for whom the death certificate provides the only notification to the registry. →
 completeness/validity
- Morphological verification: cases for which the diagnosis is based on histology or cytology → completeness/validity
- Mortality-to-incidence ratio: comparison of the number of deaths from an independent source and the number of new cases of a specific cancer registered in the same time period → completeness





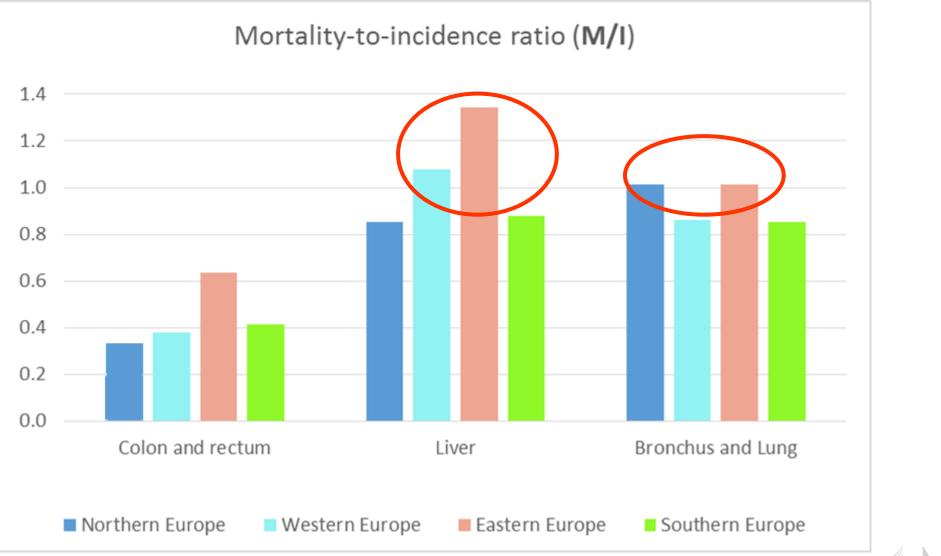


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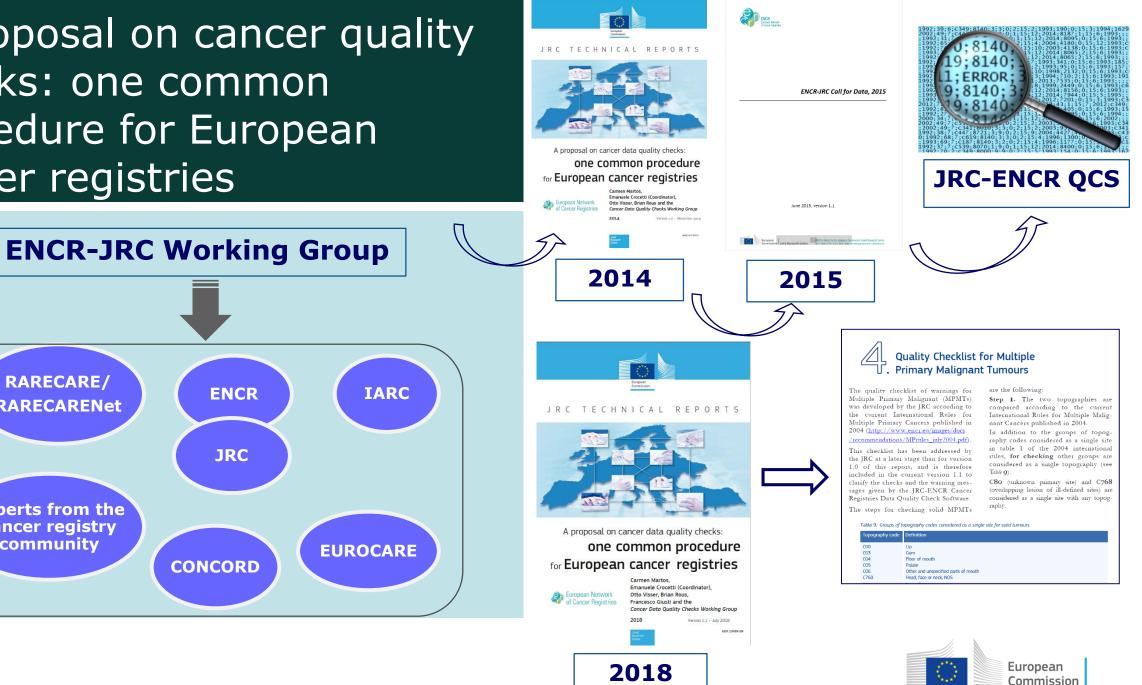


Results (3)





A proposal on cancer quality checks: one common procedure for European cancer registries



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The JRC-ENCR Quality Check Software

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JRC TECHNICAL REPORTS

The JRC-ENCR Quality Check Software (QCS) for the validation of cancer registry data: user compendium

JRC-ENCR QCS Version 1.8 1.8.1 update

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The JRC-ENCR Quality Check Software (QCS) was created for checking the **internal consistency** of cancer-registries' data against the requirements of the 2015 protocol of the *ENCR-JRC Call for data.*



The JRC-ENCR Quality Check Software

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JRC-ENCR Quality Check Software

Tools for Registries

Stata macros for cancer incidence/mortality predictions

The usefulness and reliability of information provided by cancer registries (CRs) depends on the quality of the data collected. Therefore, in 2014, a Working Group was set up with the task of establishing a comprehensive and standardised list of data quality checks to be adopted by European CRs and European projects. The Working Group has produced a proposal for 'One common procedure for data quality checks for European cancer registries' (2014, updated in 2018). The proposal included agreements on case definition, variables to be collected, and their format and internal consistency rules. The JRC has developed a software to enable CRs to perform data quality checks independently, testing their data against the requirements of the 2015 ENCR-JRC Call for Data. The JRC-ENCR Quality Check Software (QCS) represents a first step in the process of providing CRs with a user friendly data-checking, and quality control tool. The aim is to standardise the procedures to be followed by European CRs when submitting data in order to improve their quality and comparability.

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The JRC data quality check process **Duplicates JRC-ENCR QCS** Check between records Multiple primary File format malignant tumours Check within records (MPMTs) Univariate check Consistency between variables Survival and tumour extension Core Consistency between variables dates Consistency between tumour data and Consistency between demographical information **Optional variables** tumour variables



JRC-ENCR Quality Check Software: folders

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Running the JRC-ENCR Quality Check Software

IRC - ENCR cancer registries data quality check software

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- Prepare the file (header, number of variables, file format).
- Run (possibility to select different options).



JRC-ENCR Quality Check Software: file format check

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- Format Errors
- PDF Output
- TXT Output
- CSV Output



JRC-ENCR QCS output: PDF and TXT files

PDF and TXT outputs (QCS-Incidence-Output.pdf and .txt)

- Variables: 1_Flag, 2_Patient_ID, 3_Tumour_ID, 13_Topo, 14_Morpho, 15_Beh, 7_Sex,
- DoI, DoB, Var_Name, Var_Value, Error_Code

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JRC-ENCR QCS output: CSV file

CSV output (QCS-output-tabular-forExcel.csv)

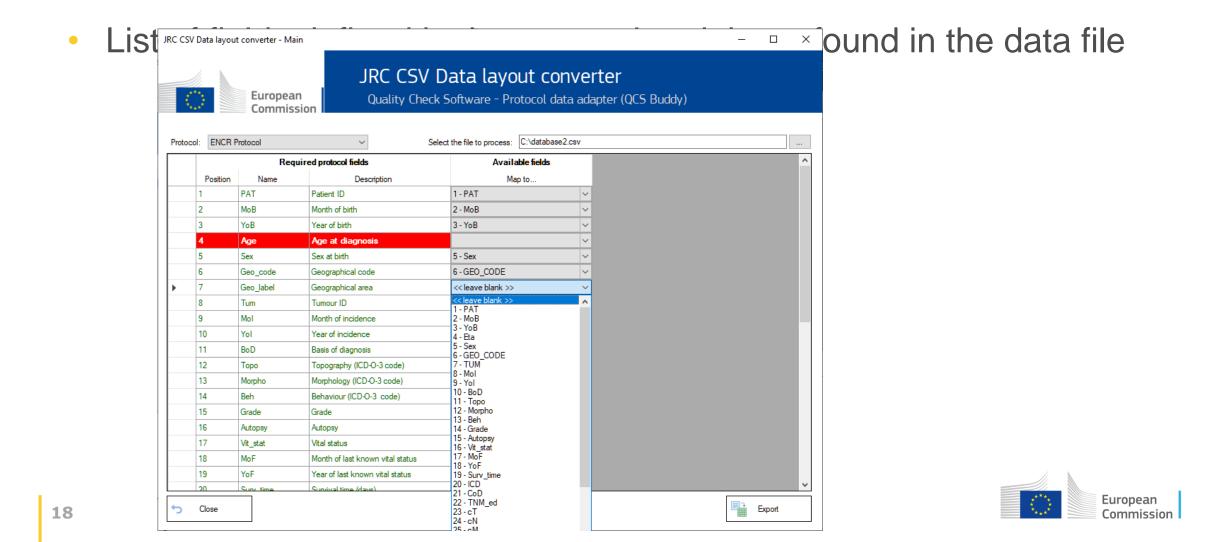
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CSV Data layout converter (QCS Buddy)



Quality Check Software (QCS) Version 2.0

Updated list of checks

WARNING CODES: KEY TO ERROR AND WARNING CODES W-AGMT: Unlikely Age + tumour type (tab.3) W-BDMO: Morphology too specific (p.30) W-BDMS: Morphology not specific enough (p.30) E-AGEC: Age is invalid + impossible to calculate age from DoI - DoB E-AGED: DoI - DoB different from Age W-BDMU: BoD + Morphology/Behaviour (p.30) W-BDpM: BoD + pM not valid (p.40) E-CoDA: DoB + DoI not coherent (p.16) E-CoDV: Date of last known vital status not valid W-BDpN: BoD + pN not valid (p.40) E-DUPL: Duplicate PatientID-TumourID W-BDpT: BoD + pT not valid (p.40) E-ECOD: ICD edition + Cause of death not valid W-BEGR: Behaviour + grade not valid (tab.7) E-FORM: Format error W-BTNM: Behaviour + TNM not valid (p.41) W-EDIM: Consistency between TNM edition and pM E-HEAD: Errors in the file header (number of columns, header's separator, order of columns, etc.) W-MISS: Value missing E-MISS: Value missing W-MOBE: Morphology + Behaviour not valid E-OUTR: Value out of range W-MOGR: Morphology + grade not valid (tab.6-7) E-RECO: Wrong number of fields in the record W-MOTO: Morphology + Topography not valid (tab.8) E-SETO: Topography + Sex not valid (tab.4) W-MPMT: Multiple primary malignant tumour (p.42) W-SEMO: Sex + Morphology not valid (tab.5) W-TNME: TNM edition not valid W-TNMM: Morphology not addressed by the Topography table used by the target TNM edition W-TNMS: Topography + TNM edition + T,N,M + Stage (p.54-99) 19 W-UNKN: Value set to missing/unknown

Stage: updates and new checks with QCS 2.0

- Consistency between Topography, TNM Edition, TNM and Stage (W-TNMS)
- Consistency between Topography, TNM Edition, TNM, Stage and Morphology (W-TNMM)
- Consistency between TNM Edition and pM (**W-EDIM**)
- Invalid TNM Edition (W-TNME)
- All TNM Checks: update to 8th Edition (6th and 7th Eds are also included)



QCS 2.0

• ICD-O-3.2 implementation

Code	Beh	Terms
8023	/3	Nuclear protein in testis (NUT) associated carcinoma
		NUT carcinoma
		NUT midline carcinoma
8054	/0	Warty dyskeratoma
	/3	Warty carcinoma
		Condylomatous carcinoma
		Warty-basaloid carcinoma
8085	/3	Squamous cell carcinoma, HPV-positive



Groups of malignant neoplasms considered to be histologically 'different' for the purpose of defining multiple tumours, ICD-O-3.2 International Agency for

World Health Organization

Group	ICD-O-3 Morphology
Carcinomas	
1. Squamous and transitional cell carcinoma	8051-8086, 8120-8131
2. Basal cell carcinomas	8090-8110
3. Adenocarcinomas	8140-8149, 8160-8163, 8190-8221, 8250-8552, 8570-8576, 8940-8941, 9110
4. Other specific carcinomas	8023, 8030-8046, 8150-8158, 8170-8180, 8230-8249, 8560-8562, 8580-8589
(5.) Unspecified carcinomas (NOS)	8010-8015, 8020-8022, 8050
6. Sarcomas and soft tissue tumors	8680-8714, 8800-8921, 8930-8936, 8990-8992, 9040-9045, 9120-9125, 9130-9138, 9141-9252, 9370-9373, 9540-9582



ERRORS (E-)

- □ Core/optional variable values (E-OUTR)
- Core/optional variable format (E-FORM)
- □ Core variable missing values (E-MISS)
- Morphology and behaviour combinations (E-MOBE)
- Coherence between dates (E-CoDV) e (E-CoDA)
- Sex and topography combinations (E-SETO)

WARNINGS (W-)

- Age and topography/morphology combinations (W-AGMT)
- Basis of diagnosis and morphology combinations (W-BDMO and W-BDMS)
- Basis of diagnosis and morphology/behaviour combinations (W-BDMU)
- □ Behaviour and TNM combinations (W-BTNM)
- Morphology, behaviour and grade combinations (W-MOGR)
- Morphology and topography combinations (W-MOTO)





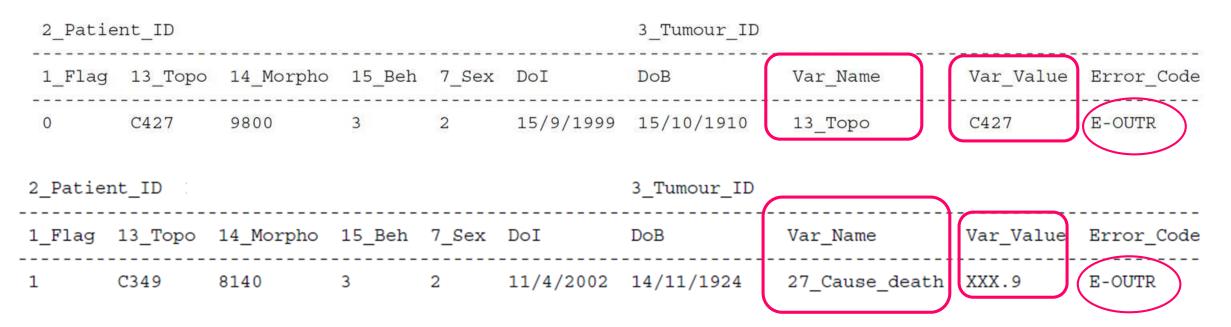
Consistency within variables

- 1. Core and optional variable values according to the 2015 call for data protocol (E-OUTR).
- 2. Core and optional variable format according to the 2015 call for data protocol (E-FORM).
- 3. Core variable missing values (E-MISS) and unknown values (W-UNKN). Missing and unknown values are allowed for the optional variables.

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Consistency within variables

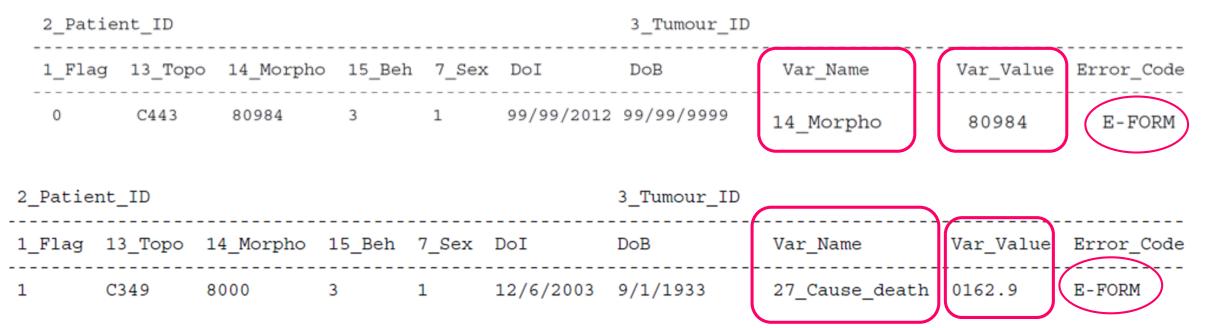
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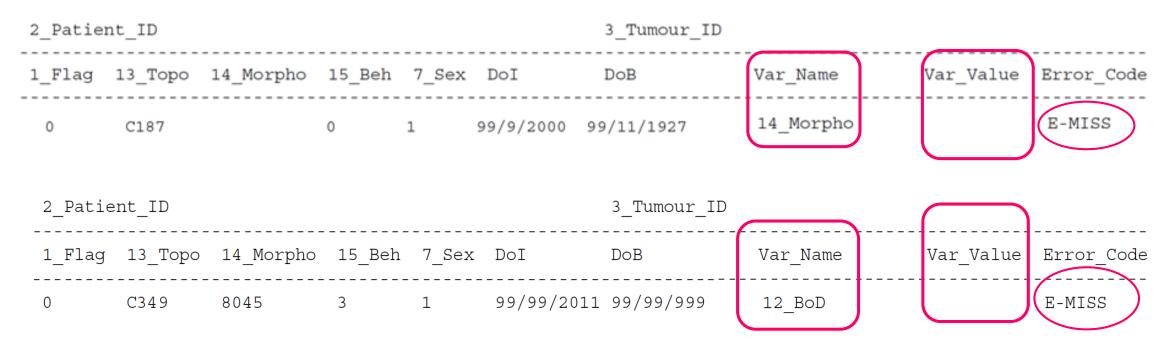
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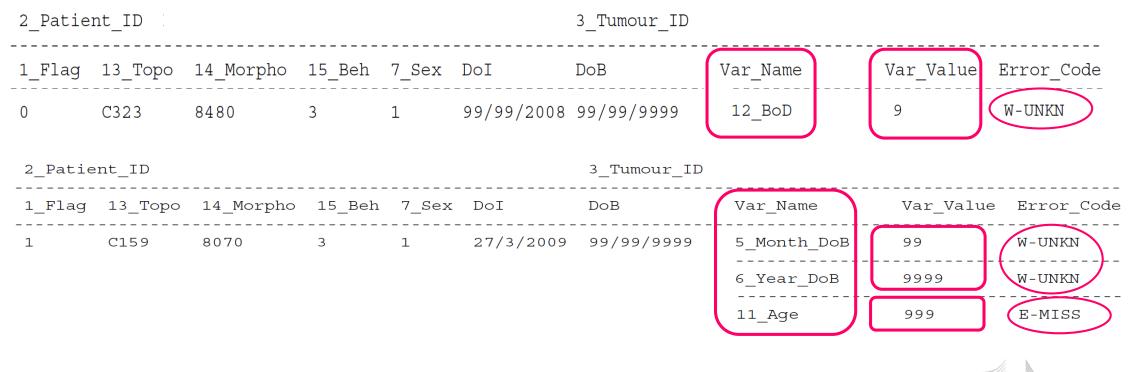
3. Core variable missing values (E-MISS)





Consistency within variables

3. Core variable unknown/missing values (W-UNKN)/(E-MISS)



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Consistency between variables

1. Consistency between dates:

Date of birth and date of incidence (E-CoDA) Date of incidence and date of follow-up (E-CoDV)

2. Consistency between demographical information and tumour data:

Sex and topography (E-SETO)

Age and topography/morphology (W-AGMT)

4. Survival and extent of disease

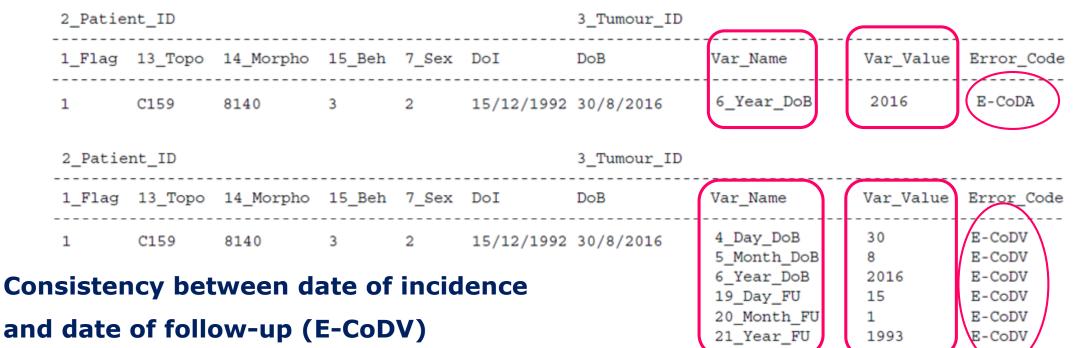
3. Consistency between tumour variables: Morphology and behaviour (E-MOBE) Behaviour and TNM (W-BTNM) Basis of diagnosis and morphology/behaviour (W-BDMU) Morphology, behaviour and grade (W-MOGR) Basis of diagnosis and morphology (W-BDMO and W-BDMS)

Morphology and topography (W-MOTO)



Consistency between variables: consistency between dates

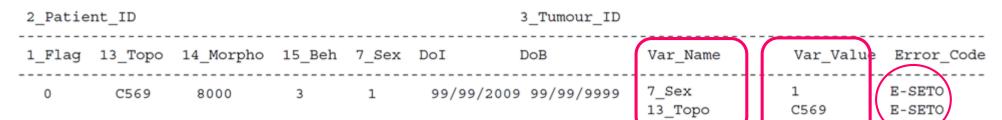
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Consistency between variables: consistency between demographical information and tumour data

Consistency between sex and topography (E-SETO)



Consistency between age and topography/morphology (W-AGMT)

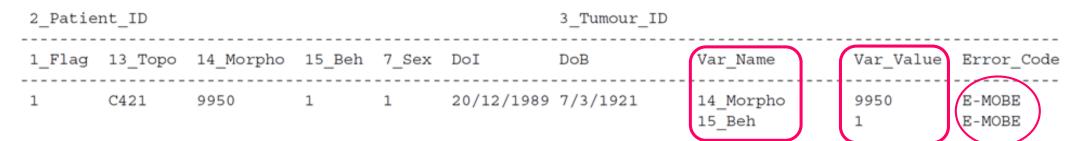
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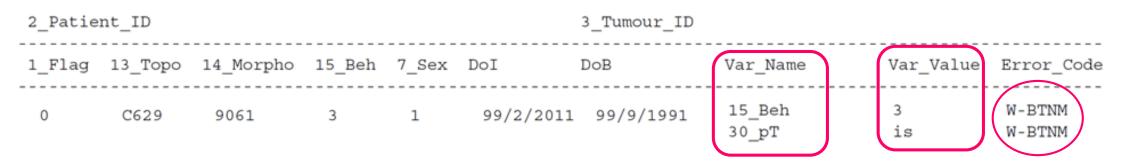
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Consistency between variables: consistency between tumour variables

Consistency between morphology and behaviour (E-MOBE)



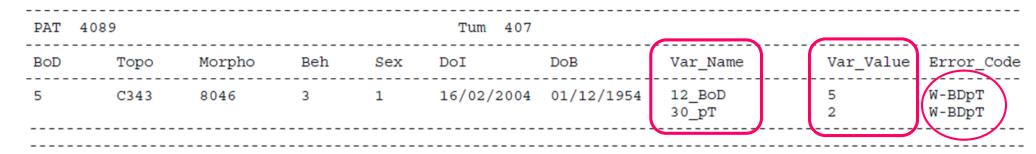
Consistency between behaviour and TNM (W-BTNM)



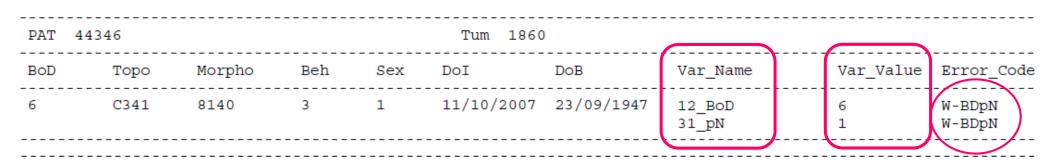


Consistency between variables: consistency between tumour variables

Consistency between basis of diagnosis and pT (W-BDpT)



Consistency between basis of diagnosis and pN (W-BDpN)



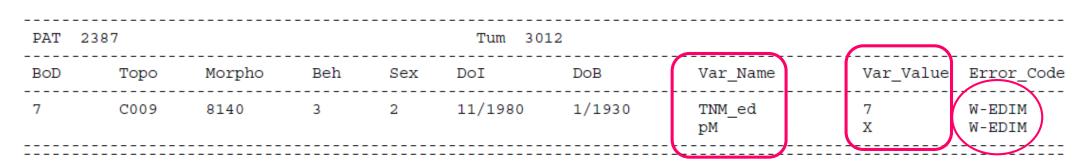


Consistency between variables: consistency between tumour variables

Consistency between basis of diagnosis and pM (W-BDpM)

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Consistency between TNM edition and pM (W-EDIM)





Consistency between variables: consistency between tumour variables

Consistency between TNM and morphology (W-TNMM)

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Consistency between variables: consistency between tumour variables

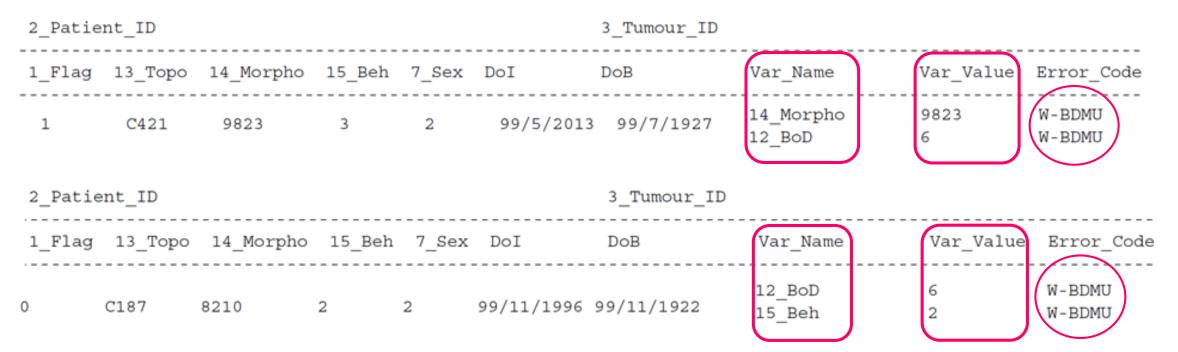
Consistency between TNM and stage (W-TNMS)

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Consistency between variables: consistency between tumour variables

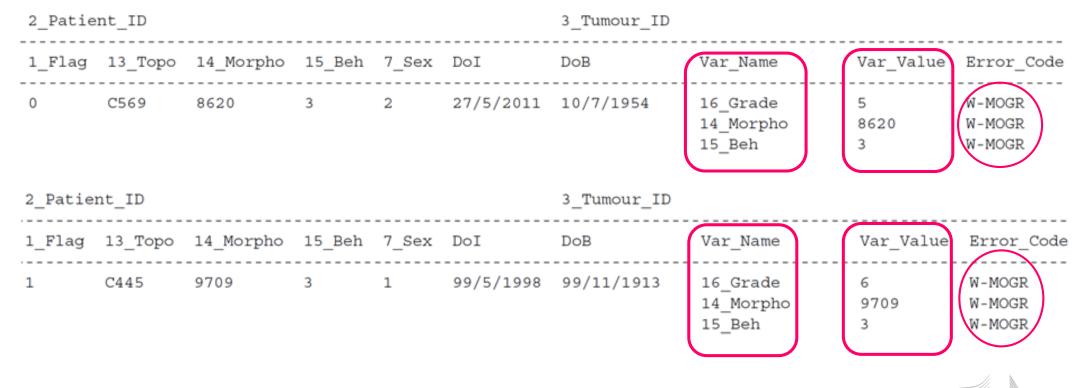
Consistency between basis of diagnosis and morphology/behaviour (W-BDMU)





Consistency between variables: consistency between tumour variables

Consistency between morphology, behaviour and grade (W-MOGR)

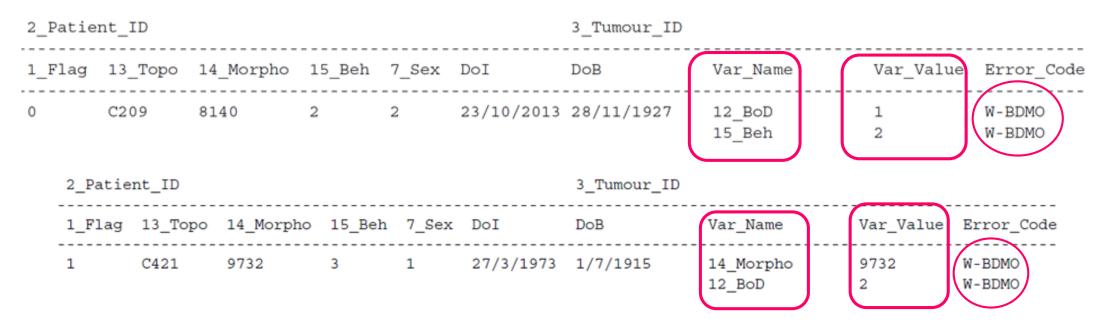


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Consistency between variables: consistency between tumour variables

Consistency between basis of diagnosis and morphology/behaviour (W-BDMO)

Morphology/behaviour are too specific respect to the basis of diagnosis

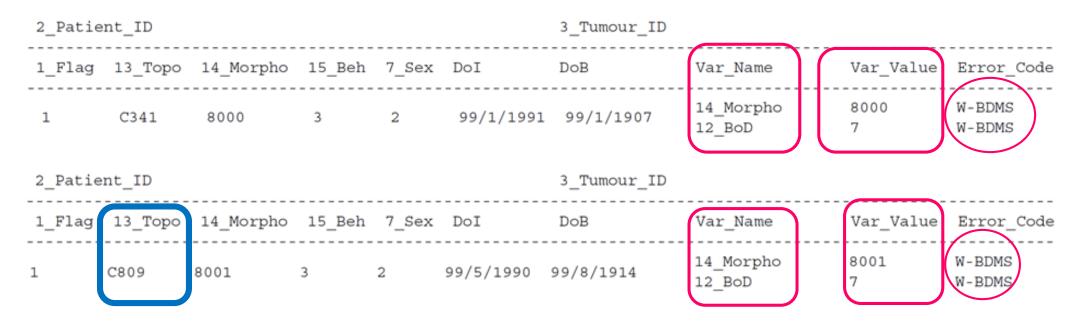




Consistency between variables: consistency between tumour variables

Consistency between basis of diagnosis and morphology (W-BDMS)

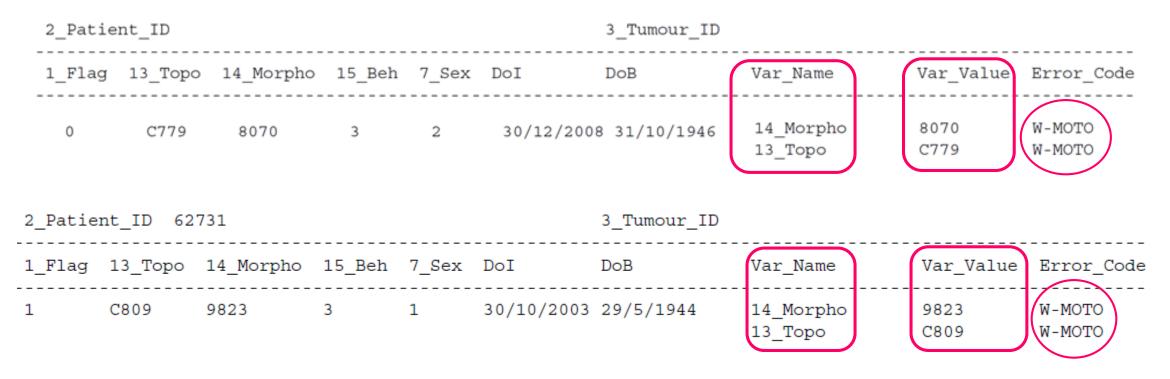
Morphology is not specific enough respect to the basis of diagnosis





Consistency between variables: consistency between tumour variables

Consistency between morphology and topography (W-MOTO)





Consistency between records: Multiple Primary Malignant tumours (MPMT)

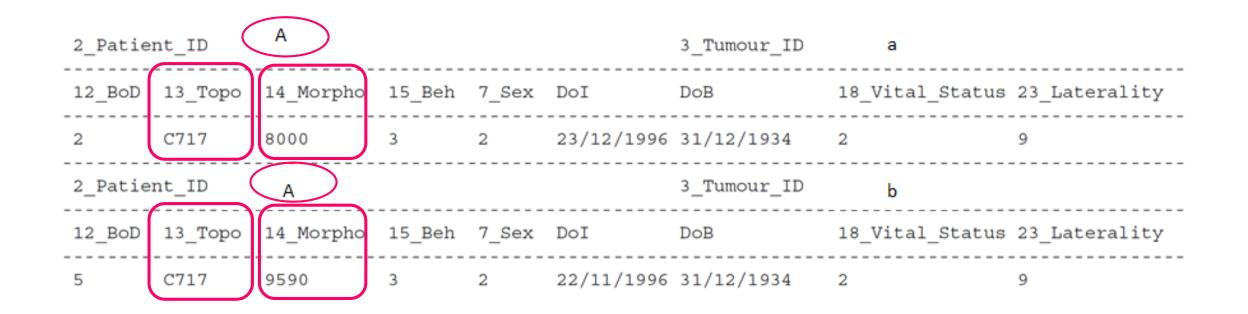


- 1. The 2004 International rules for multiple primary cancers have been implemented in the JRC-ENCR QCS, taking into account the criteria for reporting/analysis.
- The objective is to identify tumours which were registered as MPMT and could be the same tumour.
- 3. Example: 2 breast tumours with the same morphology are considered the same tumour for incidence estimation, independently of the laterality.
 Nevertheless, if the laterality is different,

both tumours should be registered.

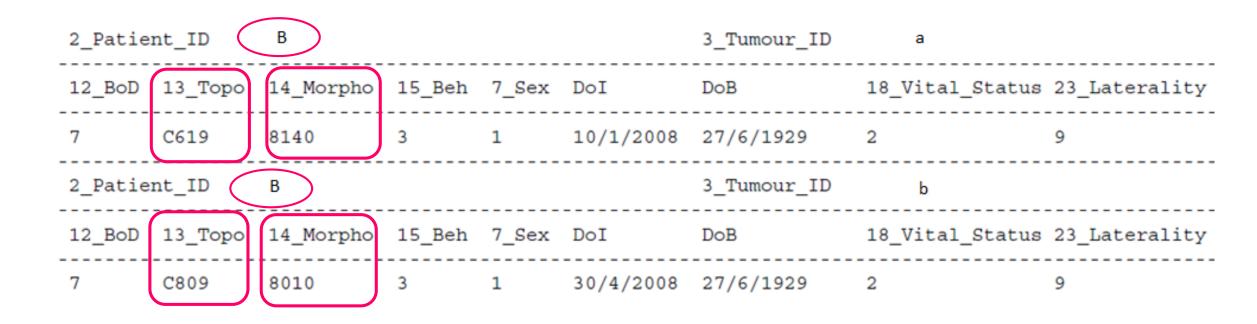


Checks between records: Multiple Primary Malignant Tumours





Checks between records: Multiple Primary Malignant Tumours





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