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CTC prognostic significance in non- muscle invasive bladder cancer Results from a prospective study

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clinical utility of CTC enumeration yet to be proven

There is a broad agreement that CTC as prognostic marker may be more beneficial in **early-stage cancer** particularly in those tumor types characterized by **high progression rate and lack of prognostic markers**

BLADDER CANCER

**Non - muscle invasive
(Ta, T1, CIS)**

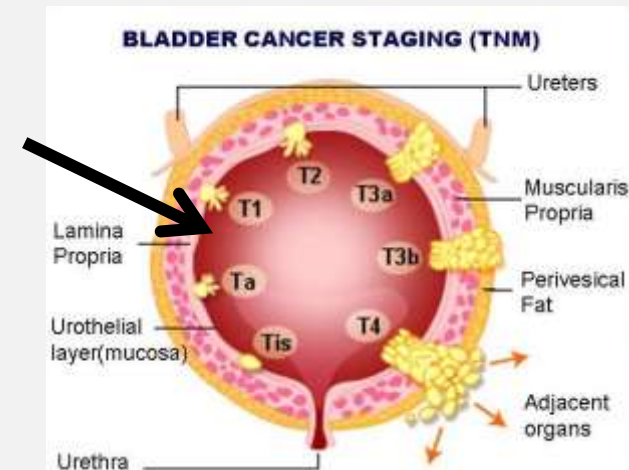
74%

**Muscle invasive
(T2-T4)**

18%

**Metastatic
(M1)**

8%



Recurrence rate > 50%
Progression rate 20-40%

Micrometastatic disease

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How Well Can You Actually Predict Which Non–Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer Patients Will Progress?

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Bladder Cancer

Predicting Recurrence and Progression in Individual Patients with Stage Ta T1 Bladder Cancer Using EORTC Risk Tables: A Combined Analysis of 2596 Patients from Seven EORTC Trials

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Need for improving current predictive tools



Conservative treatment
(transurethral resection)



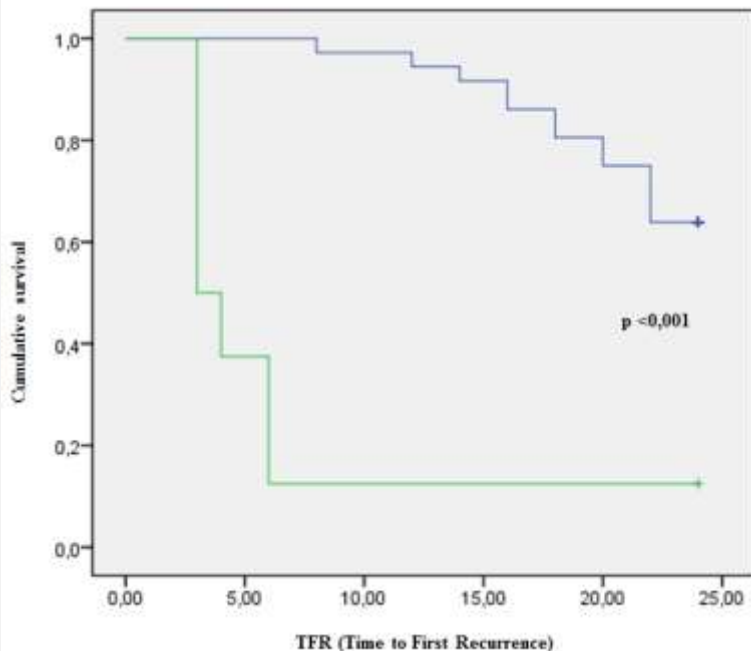
Radical treatment
(cystectomy)

Prognostic value of circulating tumor cells in nonmuscle invasive bladder cancer: a CellSearch analysis

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CTC were detectable in 8/44 patients (18%).

Presence of at least 1 CTC /7.5 mL significantly associated to shorter time to first recurrence (6.5 versus 21.7 months, $P < 0.001$).

Median time to progression was not reached, due to the short follow-up period.

PROSPECTIVE SINGLE-CENTER TRIAL



CTC prognostic significance in non- muscle invasive bladder cancer
Results from a prospective study

Primary objective:

to correlate CTC presence to *progression of disease* in T1G3 bladder cancer

Patients and methods

130 patients enrolled from January 2010 to January 2013

Inclusion criteria:

T1

G3

Candidate to TURB+ BCG

98 pt. suitable

Follow up time: 36 months

Median follow up time: 24.3 months (range: 4-36).

Blood draw (7.5 mL) for CTC enumeration by CellSearch® immediately before transurethral resection procedure



unpublished data

Patients population and CTC detection rate

Patients	Total (N=98)	CTC negative (N=82)	CTC positive (N=16)	P
Age (years)	74.0 (66.8-78.0)	73.0 (66.0-78.0)	76.5 (68.5-80.0)	0.173
Gender (male)	92 (93.9%)	79 (96.3%)	13 (81.2%)	0.053
Time between TURBT and BCG therapy (months)				1.0
1-2 weeks	0	0	0	
3-4 weeks	98 (100%)	82 (100%)	16 (100%)	
>1 month	0	0	0	
Cis positive	19 (19.4%)	9 (11.0%)	10 (62.5%)	<0.001
Tumor multifocality	74 (75.5%)	58 (70.7%)	16 (100%)	0.010
Tumor size				0.010
<1 cm	24 (24.5%)	24 (29.3%)	0	
1-3 cm	49 (50.0%)	41 (50.0%)	8 (50.0%)	
>3 cm	25 (25.5%)	17 (20.7%)	8 (50.0%)	
Lymphovascular invasion	13 (13.3%)	6 (7.3%)	7 (43.8%)	0.001
Stage				1.0
I	98 (100%)	82 (100%)	16 (100%)	
II-IV	0	0	0	
Circulating tumor cells				<0.001
0	82 (83.7%)	82 (100%)	0	
1	12 (12.2%)	0	12 (75.0%)	
>1	4 (4.1%)	0	4 (25.0%)	
Local recurrence	39 (39.8%)	26 (31.7%)	13 (81.2%)	<0.001
Progression	20 (20.4%)	5 (6%)	15 (93.0%)	<0.001

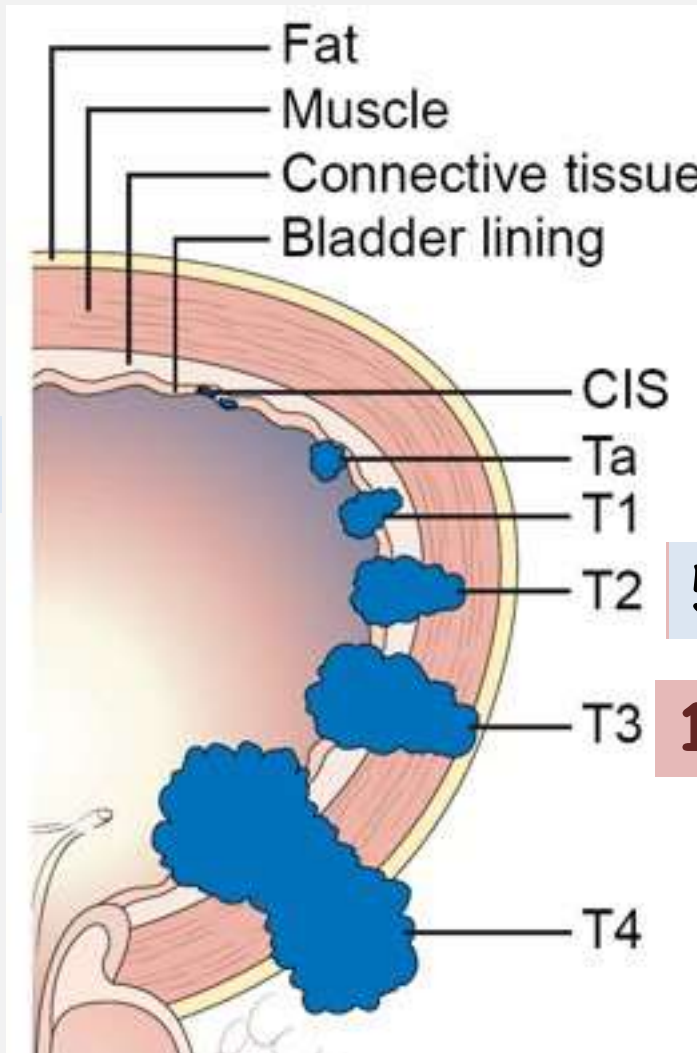
CTC positive 16%
 mean number: 1
 range: 1-50

= 0	82/98	84%
= 1	12/98	12%
>1	4/98	4%



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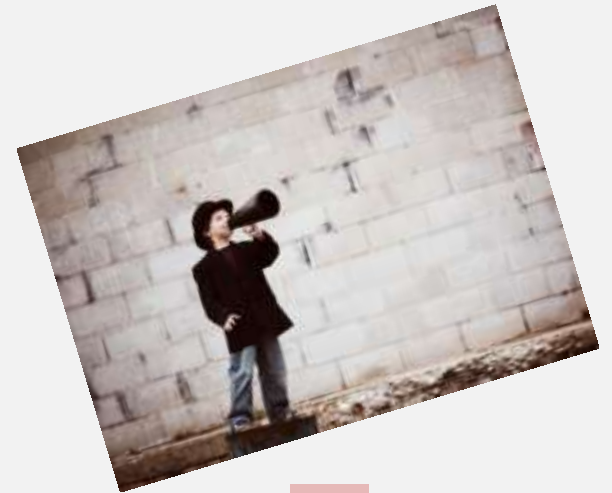


CTC -

CTC +

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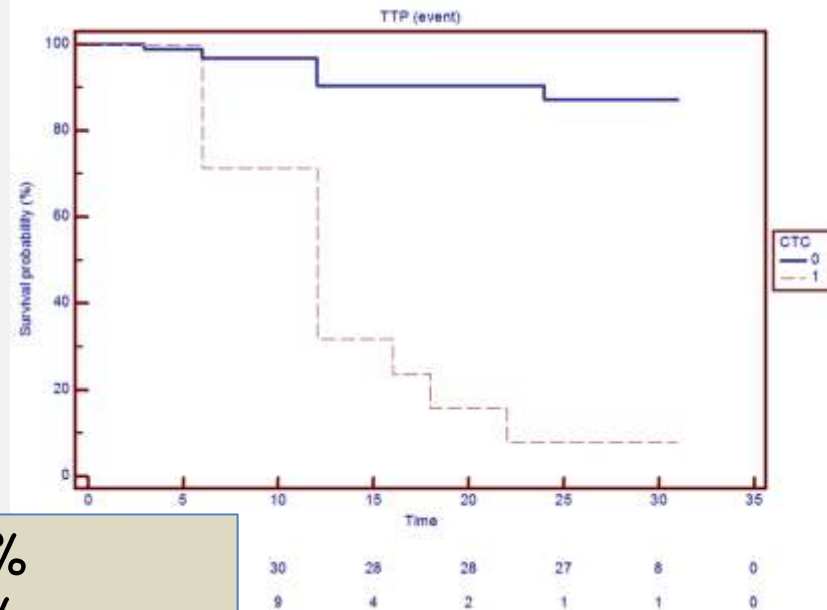
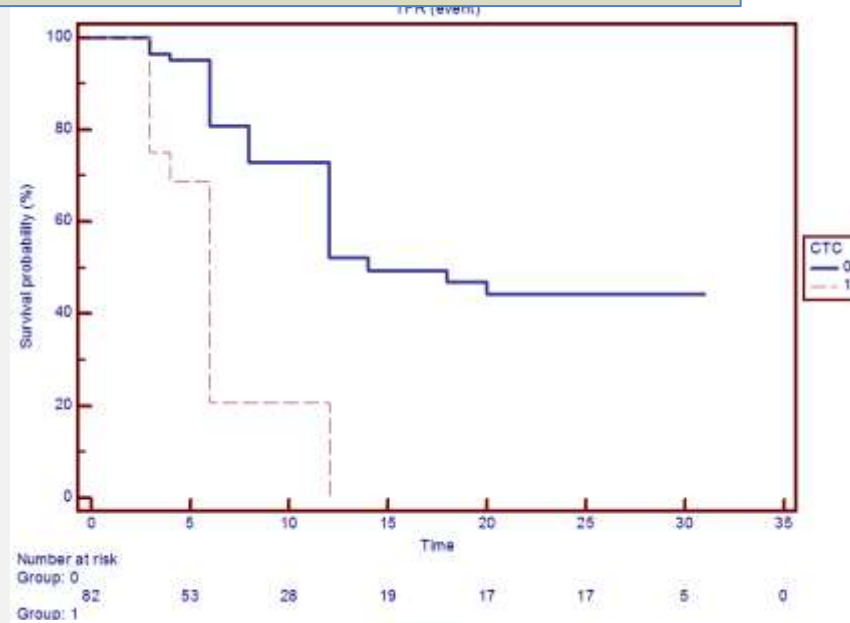


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overt metastasis

TFR and TTP in CTC+ vs CTC-

Variables	Bivariate analysis	
	HR (95% CI)	P value
Time to first recurrence		
Age	1.04 (1.00; 1.09)	0.048
Male gender	0.53 (0.16-1.74)	0.295
Cis positivity	4.79 (2.39; 9.61)	<0.001
Tumor multifocality	14.26 (1.95; 104.07)	0.009
Tumor size	1.25 (0.81-1.95)	0.314
Lymphovascular invasion	3.75 (1.87; 7.51)	<0.001
Circulating tumor cell positivity	4.74 (2.31-9.72)	<0.001
Time to progression		
Age	1.06 (0.99; 1.13)	0.079
Male gender	0.27 (0.08; 0.94)	0.040
Cis positivity	10.24 (3.52; 29.80)	<0.001
Tumor multifocality	30.28 (0.24; >100)	0.168
Tumor size	3.21 (1.47; 7.01)	0.003
Lymphovascular invasion	3.98 (1.45; 10.91)	0.007
Circulating tumor cells ≥ 1	12.11 (4.06; 36.10)	<0.001



NPV 95%
PPV 75%

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All T1G3
TTP not reached

Detection of circulating tumour cells in peripheral blood of patients with advanced non-metastatic bladder cancer

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Heterogeneity in stage (T1-T4) and treatments
Limited sample size

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Prognostic Role and HER2 Expression of Circulating Tumor Cells in Peripheral Blood of Patients Prior to Radical Cystectomy: A Prospective Study

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lights



shadows



Strict selection of a population
extremely homogenous for:
Stage
Grade
Treatment
Risk score

variable follow-up (with some patients
providing data only for 4 months)

Single centre design

CTC in early bladder cancer: Key point

Which clinical information?

The presence of at least 1 CTC/7.5mL is associated to high risk of progression to muscle invasive and metastatic disease

The PPV of the test is significantly higher than that of EORTC risk score



Conservative treatment
(transurethral resection)

Radical treatment
(cystectomy)

Systemic treatment ???

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May help the individual therapeutic decision-making process in non muscle invasive bladder



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