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Prognostic and predictive role of circulating tumor DNA detection in patients with muscle invasive bladder cancer: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Support - 251677.** 

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**Amendments -** This protocol was registered with the International Platform of Registered Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Protocols (INPLASY) on 04 April 2024 and was last updated on 04 April 2024.

#### INTRODUCTION

Review question / Objective The purpose of this study is to investigate the prognostic and predictive role of circulating tumor DNA in people with muscle invasive bladder cancer.

Condition being studied Prostate cancer.

## **METHODS**

Participant or population Patients with muscle invasive bladder cancer.

Intervention Positive ctDNA state.

Comparator Negative ctDNA state.

**Study designs to be included** Prospective and retrospective cohort studies.

Eligibility criteria The inclusion criteria: (I) patients are diagnosed with MIBC; (II) hazard ratios (HRs), corresponding 95% confidence intervals (CIs) for ctDNA state and survival outcomes are reported; (III) the language of publication is English. The exclusion criteria: (I) non-conforming article types, such as case reports, reviews and conference abstracts; (II) no results of interest in the article.

**Information sources** PubMed, Embase and the Cochrane Library.

Main outcome(s) OS, PFS, RFS.

Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis Newcastle-Ottawa Quality Assessment Scale (NOS).

**Strategy of data synthesis** 95% CI of HR to evaluate the association between ctDNA state and survival outcomes using Review Manager software

(RevMan, version 5.4, CochraneCollaboration), Quantify heterogeneity levels using Cochran's Qtest and I²-square index. 0%-25%, 25%-50%, and 50%-75% respectively represent low, moderate, and considerable heterogeneity.

**Subgroup analysis** Divide into two subgroups based on sample acquisition time, before and after treatment.

**Sensitivity analysis** Sensitivity analysis is conducted by one by one elimination method to detect the stability of meta-analysis using STATA (version 17; StataCorp LLC, University of Texas Station, USA).

# Country(ies) involved China.

**Keywords** muscle invasive bladder cancer; circulating tumor DNA; prognosis; systematic review; meta-analysis.

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