

followed. *Results:* 24.32% of patients with hematuria were found to have a bladder cancer; 20.78% had a urinary stone; 1.18% had prostate cancer; 1.18% had a renal cell carcinoma; 0.39 had a urachus neoplasm. The mean age was 68.6 yrs. 5.8% of the patients (24.2% on patients with TCC of the bladder) had a G3 disease. The mean time from admission to the HOSC until the operation day, in case of TCC of the bladder, was 11.1 days. The mean access time to HOSC since the event of haematuria was 3.88 days. The patient average satisfaction level, for those referred to the HOSC, was 4.5 (on a scale from 1 to 5). *Conclusion:* The Italian experience of the One Stop Clinic confirms a high rate of bladder cancer detection. Furthermore, a high rate of non-malignant conditions was detected, stressing the importance of the HOSC not only as a cancer clinic but as a complete general urological clinic. We report a shorter waiting time to operation, especially for bladder TCC G3 patients. It should be a mission of all urologists who manage this disease to ensure that timely and evidence-based treatment is available to all patients; this should include education of referring providers within their community about bladder cancer awareness and the importance of timely referral for evaluation of haematuria.

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SERUM LEVELS OF ANGIOGENETIC CANCER BIOMARKERS IN MEN UNDERGOING PROSTATE BIOPSY. PRELIMINARY DATA

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Background: The reduction of the number of negative prostate biopsies in patients with elevated serum PSA represents a major challenge. Several angiogenetic biomarkers are involved in carcinogenesis and cancer progression. The aim of our preliminary study was to investigate if their serum levels might be related to prostate cancer detection. *Patients and Methods:* Angiopoietin 2, Follistatin, G-CSF, HGF, IL-8, Leptin, PDGF-BB, PECAM-1, VEGF, PTH were the selected biomarkers for our research. They were measured by BioPlex immunoassay. As a preliminary step, consecutive unselected patients undergoing prostate biopsy for palpable prostate nodule and/or elevated PSA levels were entered. A 12-core transrectal biopsy was planned. The serum levels of the above mentioned biomarkers were related with the histological result of the biopsy. ROC curve analysis was exploited to test the

diagnostic accuracy of each biomarker by AUC calculation. A potential cut-off level was computed for each biomarker. *Results:* Thirty-five consecutive patients were entered in this preliminary study. The median PSA was 6.3 ng/ml (mean: 19.4, range 0.41-364). An altered prostate was found at digital rectal examination in 13 (37%) patients. Transrectal ultrasound gave a median prostate volume of 44.5 cc (mean 48.7; range 15-105cc). Seven patients (20%) had a previous negative biopsy and 5 were receiving dutasteride or finasteride. A median number of 12 biopsy cores was obtained (mean: 12 range 4-24). Prostate cancer was detected in 21 (60%) men. ASAP and PIN were detected in 2 more patients respectively. Among the 9 considered angiogenetic biomarkers, only leptin preliminarily shows an interesting diagnostic accuracy with an AUC of 0,714 (Table 1). At a cut-off value of 2166 pg/ml, leptin demonstrates a sensitivity of 74% and a specificity of 75% with a positive predictive value of 85%. *Conclusion:* Only leptin, among the 9 studied biomarkers, showed promising diagnostic accuracy for the detection of prostate cancer, suggesting the usefulness of further research.

Table I. ROC curve analysis (AUC).

Angiogenetic biomarker	AUC
Angiopoietin_2	0.511
Follistatin	0.676
G-CSF	0.658
HGF	0.636
IL-8	0.524
Leptin	0.714
PDGF-BB	0.638
PECAM-1	0.596
VEGF	0.589

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RADICAL PROSTATECTOMY FOR PATIENTS WITH CLINICALLY LOCALLY ADVANCED PROSTATE CANCER: RESULTS OF A SINGLE INSTITUTIONAL STUDY

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Introduction: Aim of this study was to report the outcomes of a single institution study on 98 pts with clinically locally advanced prostate cancer (PCa) and prostate specific antigen