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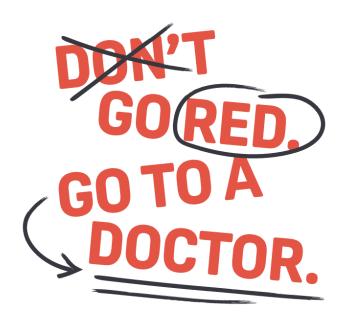
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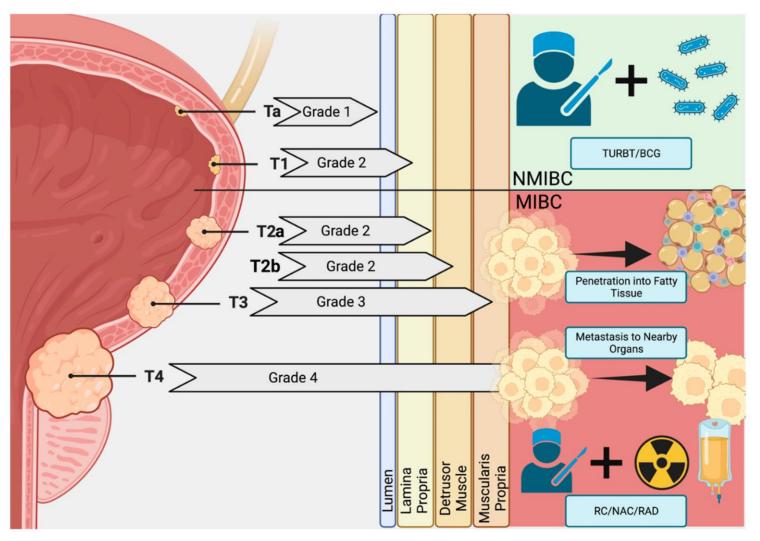
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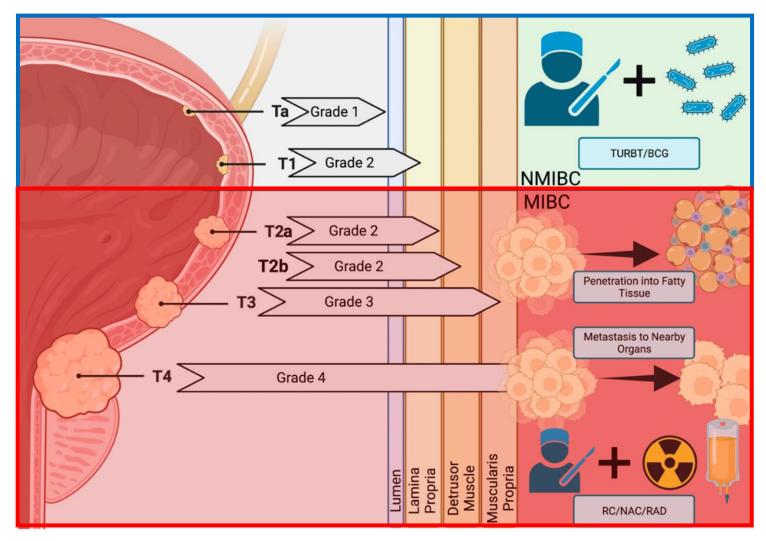
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70% NMIBC

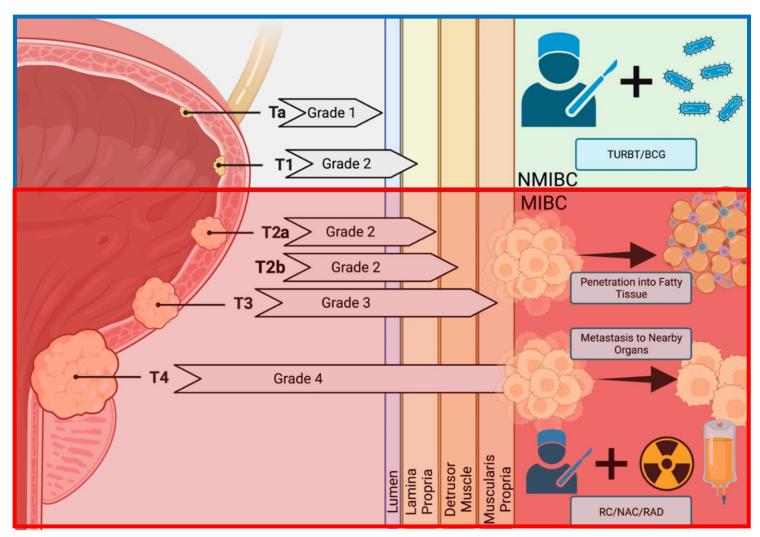






70% NMIBC Recurrence







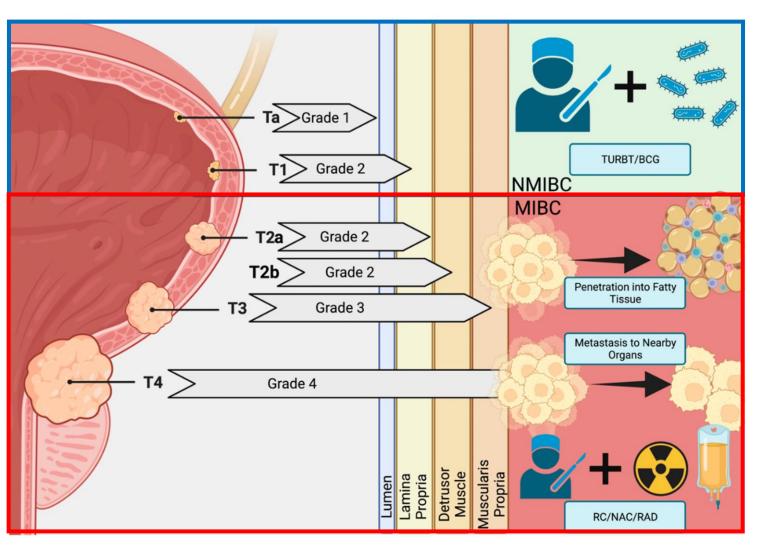


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Progression









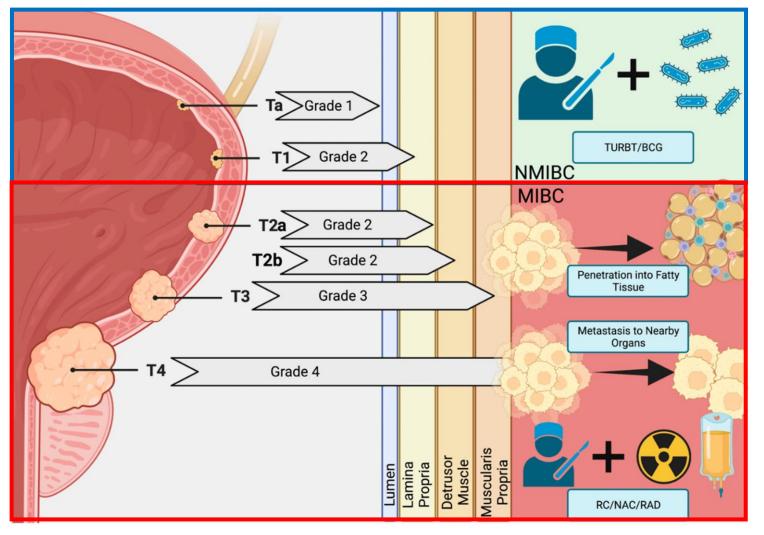
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Lethal disease









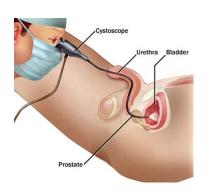
NMIBC – longitudinal patient journey

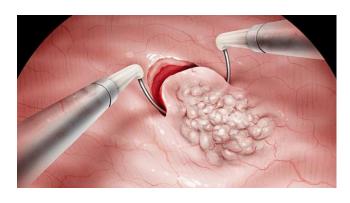


Recurrent cystoscopies
Recurrent TURBT procedures
Bladder instillations

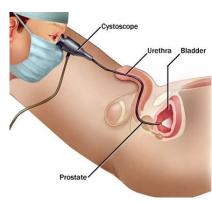
Progression
Cystectomy
Chemotherapy















(N)MIBC - ATHENA

Prevalent – omnipresent in urological practices

Bothersome due to many interventions (recurrence)

Expensive due to many interventions (recurrence and progression)

Potentially dangerous (progression)

Bothersome due to potentially dangerous (progression)

Typically a disease with a *longitudinal* trajectory

Notorious for *practice variation* and non-adherence to guidelines

- → Can we consistently extract data from the EHR?
- → Can we visualize these data?



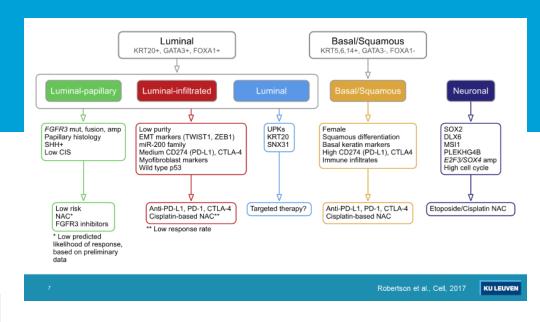


(N)MIBC

OMICS have entered the field

OMIC classification of disease has been proposed (not widely accepted or used in clinical practice)

New medical *disease targets* are currently present



- → Can we incorporate this knowledge in disease management?
- → Can we link this knowledge to current disease risk groups?
- → Can we refine current disease risk groups?





NMIBC – ATHENA- WP1

Standardized data collection in different hospitals

Generation of a data catalogue (EHR → OMOP) in different hospitals

(automated) data extraction \rightarrow generic ready to analyse worksheet for multifactorial analysis and machine learning

Visualisation of longitudinal patient journey

Generate OMIC data on a retrospective dataset

Generate OMIC data on a prospective dataset

Scale project for use in multihospital setting





NMIBC – ATHENA – key research questions

Q1: Is there a difference in transcriptomic profiles (either by single-cell RNA sequencing or bulk sequencing) between patients

Patients with low-/intermediate-/high-risk NMIBC/m(-) MIBC/m(+) MIBC at first diagnosis

Patients with intermediate-/high-risk NMIBC who progress to MIBC

Patients with BCG-naïve intermediate-/high-risk NMIBC recurrence

Q2:Is there a difference in transcriptomic profiles (either by single-cell RNA sequencing or bulk sequencing) between patients

Patients with intermediate-/high-risk NMIBC recurrence during or after BCG

Patients with intermediate-/high-risk NMIBC recurrence after anti-PD-1/PD-L1 treatment or nadofaragene firadenovec (Instiladrin®), FGFR inhibitor





NMIBC – ATHENA – key research questions

Q3: What is the **natural history & epidemiology of DNA alterations** (as FGFR or other biomarkers) in bladder cancer (logitudinal from NMIBC – MIBC – mUC)?

How do they change through the evolution of the disease?

How will certain treatments effect these changes?

Q4:Can we predict recurrence/progression timelines & outcomes in correlation with epigenetic/transcriptomic biomarkers & clinical/pathological data for intermediate-/highrisk NMIBC and MIBC?

Is there genetic predisposition for development/progression or treatment response

Panels available UZ Leuven, MSK-IMPACT, Illumina

Regarding existing risk models/calculators (EORTC/CUETO)





ATHENA – hurdles encountered



Legal framework



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Needed a **specific trajectory** through ethical – data protection – legal departments/boards



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BUT no approval for image analysis



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Data collection

Flemish bladder cancer registry

70-90% data completeness in **best** centers

other centers...

no data on MIBC or M+ BC

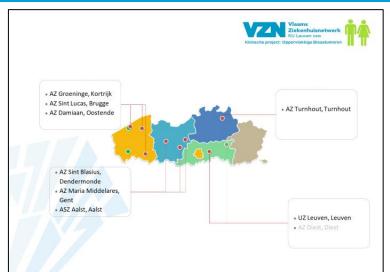
Data catalogue

link between EHR parameters and OMOP (also omic data)

implies choices!

Data extraction

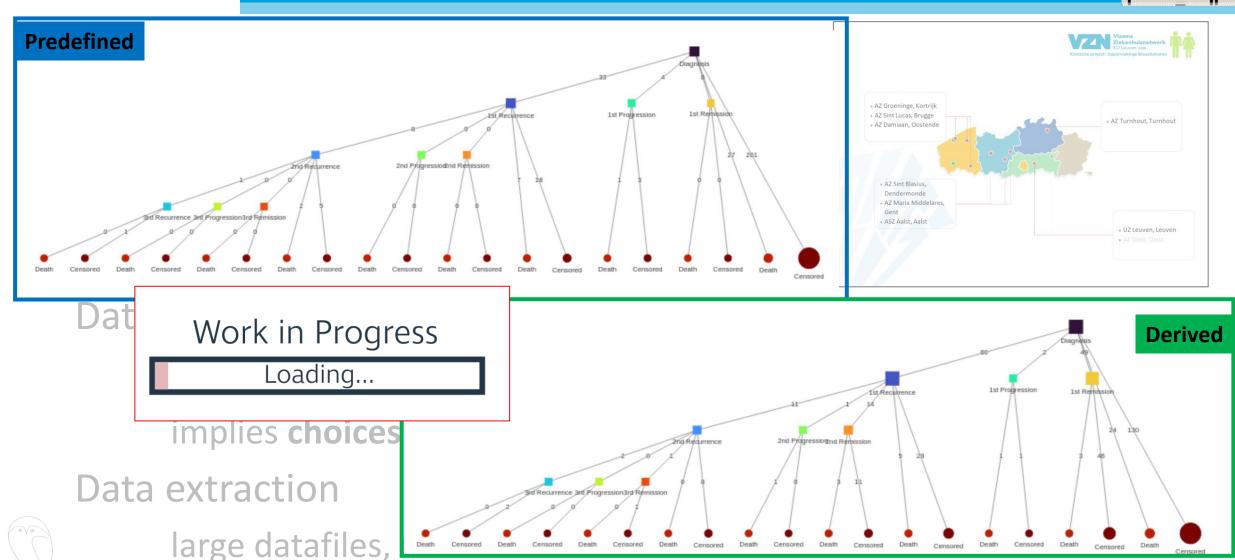
large datafiles, missing data,... → needs manual data iteration





ATHENA – hurdles encountered - achievements







ATHENA – hurdles encountered



Biobanking – omics data generation

Tissue collection in NMIBC can be challenging

small lesions (enough tissue?)

immediate processing

not part of routine clinical practice

What are the implications?

→ Presence of research **personnel** required

→ Active cooperation of **surgeon** required





ATHENA – hurdles encountered



Biohanking - omics data generation

Omics data generated

TSO 500

102 patients (retro)

Bulk RNA seq

analysis through available pipelines ongoing

WP3

What impli

methylation profiling ongoing (50%) single nucleus sequencing planned (Q1 2024)



→ Active cooperation of **surgeon** required



Conclusions

(NMI)BC is a challenging case that fits well in the scope of the ATHENA project

Many hurdles taken, but several hurdles ahead

We are not running a sprint, but a marathon ATHENA can serve as a baseline project





ATHENA = teamwork

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