

specimens might be helpful in current practice and can aid in decision-making and timing of an adjuvant chemoradiotherapy treatment strategy in a bladder tumour patient.

In the paper, Dr. Rene already emphasized the importance of concomitant chemotherapy. This is especially important in elderly patients with poor prognosis.

We thank Dr. Rene and associates for this interesting and insightful article.

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We thank Drs. Tokgöz and Erol for their interest in our review paper on the conservative management of invasive bladder cancer and for their comments. They specifically refer to the potential prognostic value of lymphovascular space invasion for cancer-specific survival in patients undergoing radical cystectomy¹. Lymphovascular space invasion has been shown to be of prognostic value in other malignancies, and we agree with the authors that it is likely to be predictive of survival in bladder cancer and that further studies are needed to better clarify its potential role as a stratification factor.

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