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ABBREVIATIONS TABLE

ART	Adjuvant radiotherapy
AS	Active surveillance
AUA	American Urological Association
AUC	Area under the curve
BCR	Biochemical recurrence
CCP	Cell cycle progression
CHARMS-PF	Checklist for critical appraisal and data extraction for systematic reviews of prognostic factor studies
CI	Confidence interval
COE	Certainty of evidence
EAU	European Association of Urology
GC	Genomic classifier
GG	Grade group
GPS	Genomic Prostate Score test
HR	Hazard ratio
IQR	Interquartile range
KQ	Key question
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
NCCN	National Comprehensive Cancer Network
PICOTS	Population, intervention, comparator, outcome, timing, setting
PORTOS	Post-operative Radiation Therapy Outcomes Score
PSA	Prostate-specific antigen
QUIPS	Quality In Prognosis Studies
ROB	Risk of bias
ROBINS-I	Risk of Bias in Nonrandomized Studies of Interventions
RP	Radical prostatectomy
SRT	Salvage radiotherapy
VHA	Veterans Health Administration

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Key Findings

- Eleven studies (6,953 patients) reported risk reclassification either as a direct comparison or through integration of the genomic classifier test results with a clinical feature-based risk assessment.
- While there was a wide range of impact on risk reclassification across studies, we found that there was no change in risk classification for a majority of patients across test types: Decipher (21% to 51%; 3 studies), Oncotype (37% to 81%; 6 studies), and Prolaris (58%; 1 study).
- Across 14 observational studies (2,561 patient cases) at the time of diagnosis and after prostatectomy, there was a pattern of changes to treatment recommendations after receipt of genomic classifier tests. However, in the single randomized trial (191 patients) evaluating the impact of the incorporation of Oncotype test results into treatment decisions, there was no statistically significant effect.
- Prolaris or Oncotype usage prior to definitive treatment led to a change in management 16% to 65% of the time, while Decipher studies noted that a higher risk score increased odds of influencing treatment post-prostatectomy.
- Overall, we found that these tests do provide modest additional prognostic information with respect to biochemical recurrence, development of metastatic disease, and prostate cancer-specific mortality; however, the certainty of this evidence was very low for Oncotype and Prolaris and low for Decipher.
- Significant limitations of the evidence include that it is largely drawn from patients diagnosed and treated prior to the current era of prostate cancer management and that no harms due to genomic classifier testing were reported by any study.

INTRODUCTION

Prostate cancer is the most common malignancy in men, with an estimated 268,490 new cases in the United States in 2022, and 12,500 new diagnoses annually within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). A major challenge for prostate cancer management is identifying patients who would benefit from treatment and tailoring the intensity of that treatment to personalized risk assessments. Risk stratification traditionally has been based on readily available clinical features; however, multiple options exist for treatment, and there is variability in patient outcomes not otherwise explained by currently recognized risk factors. Individualized prognosis beyond clinically based risk stratification schemas could inform patient-physician decision-making, reduce unnecessary overtreatment, and improve patient outcomes. A relatively recent advancement in prostate cancer risk stratification is the development of commercially available, tissue-based genomic classifiers. This systematic review addresses the impact of 3 commercial genomic classifier tests—Decipher, Oncotype DX GPS (now named Genomic Prostate Score but

referred to in this report as Oncotype), and Prolaris—on risk classification, treatment choice and harms, and the prognostic ability of these tests beyond the clinical features of patients diagnosed with or treated for localized prostate cancer. (See Appendix A for guidelines for the 3 tests.)

Thus, this review sought to address 3 key questions (KQs):

KQ1: Among individuals with localized prostate cancer who are considering first-line definitive treatment, does the addition of a tissue-based genomic test to existing clinical risk models impact risk classification?

KQ2: Does tissue-based genomic testing impact the choice of treatment intensity or harms:

A. Among individuals with localized prostate cancer before first-line definitive treatment?

B. Among individuals who have undergone radical prostatectomy?

KQ3: Among patients with localized prostate cancer, what is the incremental prognostic effect of tissue-based genomic tests beyond existing prognostic clinical features on key clinical outcomes (eg, biochemical recurrence-free survival, metastases-free survival) following definitive treatment?

METHODS

Data Sources and Searches

The MEDLINE (via Ovid), Embase (via Elsevier), and Web of Science (via Clarivate) databases were searched from 2010 to the present using a combination of database-specific controlled vocabulary terms and keywords searched in the titles and abstracts related to prostate cancer and genomic tests. An experienced medical librarian devised and conducted the search, with input on keywords from the other authors. The search strategies were peer reviewed by another librarian using a modified PRESS checklist. The original searches were conducted on April 20, 2022. Case reports, editorials, letters, comments, and conference abstracts were excluded from the search, as were animal-only studies. The full, reproducible search strategies are in Appendix B.

Study Selection

Studies identified through our primary search were classified independently at both title and abstract and full text. All articles meeting our *a priori* eligibility criteria were included for data abstraction. We specifically sought to include articles evaluating these tests among patients with localized prostate cancer who are seeking first-line definitive treatment or those with localized prostate cancer who have undergone radical prostatectomy considering post-surgical treatment intensity. Articles addressing prognostic ability had to include either an established clinical feature-based prediction model or a minimum core set of clinical features (eg, prostate-specific antigen [PSA], Gleason score, and clinical tumor stage).

Data Abstraction and Assessment

Data from published reports were abstracted into a customized database by 1 reviewer and over-read by a second reviewer. Disagreements were resolved by consensus or by obtaining a third reviewer's opinion when consensus was not reached. We extracted data elements from included

studies, including descriptors to assess applicability, quality elements, population characteristics, intervention details, and outcomes including prognostic effect estimates and adverse events. Our extraction process was guided by the checklist for critical appraisal and data extraction for systematic reviews of prognostic factor studies (CHARMS-PF).

For risk of bias (ROB) assessment, we selected the appropriate tool relevant to the included study design. For studies solely or primarily relevant to KQ3 or prognostic outcomes, we used the Quality In Prognosis Studies (QUIPS) tool. For studies that did not otherwise address prognostic outcomes, we used RoB-2 for randomized trials and Risk of Bias in Nonrandomized Studies of Interventions (ROBINS-I) for observational designs. We completed ROB in duplicate for 25% of included studies. Because we found sufficient agreement, the remaining included studies were assessed for ROB by 1 investigator and overread by a second, given the volume of included studies for observational designs. Last, we audited ROB assessments for consistency across the included studies. Areas of concern for potential bias included exclusion of patient data due to inadequate tissue or incalculable test score, tests run by a lab other than the commercial lab for the specific test, inadequate adjustment to account for standard clinical risk assessment features, and consistency and clarity of source patient populations.

Synthesis

We summarized key study characteristics of the primary literature using data abstracted from eligible studies. When feasible based on the volume of relevant literature, types of effect measures reported, and completeness of results, we completed a quantitative synthesis (*ie*, meta-analysis) to estimate summary prognostic effects. Effect estimates were grouped by outcome, statistical effect measure, treatment status of the patient population (before or after first-line definitive treatment), genomic classifier test studied, and follow-up duration. We did not combine outcomes across the 3 types of commercial genomic classifier tests, as each test evaluates the expression profile of distinct gene panels that differ across the tests. Because the genomic classifier tests of interest can be reported as both a continuous variable and a categorical variable, we report both. Time-to-event outcomes are summarized as hazard ratios, and dichotomous outcomes are summarized with risk ratios or odds ratios. We also sought to identify studies reporting calibration (*eg*, O:E ratio) and discrimination (*eg*, c-statistic, AUC) statistics for models with and without the addition of a genomic classifier. Random-effects models were used, as was the Knapp-Hartung approach to adjust the standard errors of the estimated coefficients. We evaluated for statistical heterogeneity using visual inspection and 95% prediction intervals. When a quantitative synthesis was not feasible, we summarized the data narratively. A narrative synthesis focused on documenting and identifying patterns of effect of incremental benefit of genomic classifier tests after consideration of existing clinical prognostic factors.

Nominators for this review expressed an *a priori* interest in differences in the effect of these genomic classifier tests by key subpopulations, specifically race/ethnicity and risk classification at the time of genomic classifier test sample collection. Given that this is a patient-level characteristic, we sought to identify analyses conducted within the primary literature that identified effect modification (*eg*, subgroup analyses, regression model explanatory variables).

We assessed certainty of evidence using GRADE with consideration of guidance around adaptation for prognostic studies. We limited GRADE ratings to outcomes for KQ3 due to the volume and comparability of relevant studies.

RESULTS

Results of Literature Search

We identified 2,816 records through searches of MEDLINE (via Ovid), Embase (via Elsevier), and Web of Science (via Clarivate). An additional 5 articles were identified through hand searching and reviewing bibliographies of relevant review articles for a total of 2,821 articles. After removing duplicates, 1,573 articles remained. After applying inclusion and exclusion criteria to titles and abstracts, 145 articles remained for full-text review. Of these, 59 articles (55 unique studies) were included and retained for data abstraction. They consisted of 1 randomized controlled trial, 1 secondary analysis of a randomized controlled trial, 1 individual patient-level meta-analysis, 2 case-control studies, and 50 observational cohorts (8 prospective, 42 retrospective). Multiple studies had overlapping cohorts. There were 4 studies conducted solely in the VA; however, 7 additional studies included a VA cohort.

In the results section below for each KQ, we report results by genomic classifier test type in alphabetical order for consistency (eg, Decipher, Oncotype, Prolaris).

Summary of Results for Key Questions

KQ1

Eleven studies reported risk reclassification between baseline risk assessment with clinical features and after genomic classifier testing. Reclassification was reported either as a direct comparison of risk levels using the same risk labels or through integration of the genomic classifier test results into the clinical features risk assessment. Three studies used Decipher, 6 used Oncotype, and 2 used Prolaris. The majority of patients in these 11 studies fell into intermediate or lower baseline clinical risk classification, with only 3 studies including patients at high risk. Overall, the years over which the studies drew data ranged from 2012 to 2020. Most used NCCN clinical-based risk classification criteria as a comparator. Eight studies were found to have low ROB, 2 moderate ROB, and 2 high or serious ROB. Common sources of ROB for articles relevant to this KQ included missing patient-level data due to inadequate or poor-quality sample, lack of information about which patients were receiving the test, and inadequate control of confounders.

First, we considered reclassification among patients prior to definitive treatment. We found 1 large study (2 cohorts of 4,960 and 977 patients from radical prostatectomy and biopsy tissue, respectively) using Decipher that reported no change in risk classification in 21% and 24% of patients, a higher classification in 43% and 35%, and a lower classification in 36% and 41% when considering the 4-tier NCCN risk groups. Of note, reclassification using a novel six-tier system that incorporated both NCCN risk and genomic risk found a greater proportion reclassified with no change in 33.3%, reclassification to a lower risk level in 27.7%, and to a higher level in 38.9%. One small study ($N = 57$) reported no change in risk classification in 50% of patients, a higher classification in 14%, and a lower classification in 10% (3% or 5% unknown). The 6 Oncotype-based studies included a total of 907 patients with NCCN risk very low to intermediate. The test did not change risk level in 37% to 81% of patients, reclassified to higher risk among 3.2% to 44%, and reclassified to a lower risk among 12% to 35.4%. One of the Oncotype studies was conducted with 177 VA patients from 6 facilities and found that 81% had no change in risk classification while 7% were adjusted higher and 12% lower. The 1 small

study ($N = 52$) using Prolaris had no change in 58% of participants, higher reclassification in 25%, and lower in 17%. There were minimal data examining rates of risk reclassification with genomic classifier testing at the time of prostatectomy.

We also considered reclassification across subgroups including by baseline risk and among minoritized racial groups. Eight studies provided data on reclassification by baseline risk (none used Prolaris). In general, the majority of patients undergoing risk assessment with evaluated genomic classifier tests did not change risk levels; however, this appears to be more consistent among patients at very low risk based on clinical features. Among intermediate-risk patients, Oncotype testing seems to more often reclassify risk to lower categories when reclassified. Specifically, among baseline intermediate-risk patients, Oncotype led to lower reclassification in 20% to 57.7% of cases, higher in 7% to 42%, and no change in 38% to 70%. Only the Decipher-based studies reported risk reclassification among high-risk patients. The 1 large Decipher-based study reported similar findings across the biopsy and prostatectomy cohorts with 16.15% and 21.0% unchanged, respectively, 64.4% and 51.85% higher (to very high), and 19.4% and 27.2% lower.

One study compared reclassification between Black and White men with prostate cancer ($N = 150$ and $N = 60$, respectively) in a single community urologic oncology practice. Overall, there was no change in risk for 43% of Black men compared with 40% of White men, while 33% of Black men were reassigned to a lower risk and 24% to a higher risk compared with 50% lower risk for White men and 10% higher risk.

KQ2

Fifteen studies addressed the impact of genomic classifier tests on treatment intensity recommended and/or received: 5 for Decipher, 7 for Oncotype, and 3 for Prolaris. The impact of Oncotype or Prolaris results on treatment recommendations was evaluated only prior to first-line definitive treatment, while Decipher was evaluated only after prostatectomy. Study designs addressing KQ2 included retrospective examination of documented treatment recommendations before and after receipt of test results, prospective collection of provider recommendations before and after test results, and deidentified case reviews by providers with and without test results. Of note, outcomes for impact on treatment are reported in multiple ways across studies, including overall change, increase/decrease in treatment recommendation, and change in specific treatment recommended (eg, active surveillance [AS]). The specific definition for treatment intensity varied by study such that some focused on any interventional treatment versus observation and others focused on specific types of definitive treatment. Across this group of 15 studies, 1 was found to have low ROB, 8 moderate ROB, 5 high/serious ROB, and 1 critical ROB. Common sources of potential bias include having the providers chose which patients for whom to order the test, reporting bias, outcome measurement approach, and missing data.

Across 14 observational studies at the time of diagnosis and after prostatectomy, there was a pattern of treatment recommendations changing after receipt of genomic classifier tests. However, in the single identified randomized trial which evaluated the impact of the incorporation of Oncotype test results into treatment decisions, there was no evidence of altered choice of treatment after receipt of the test. Based on studies using Prolaris or Oncotype, use of a genomic classifier test prior to definitive treatment led to a change 16% to 64.9% of the time, reduced intensity 4% to 40% of the time, and increased intensity 8.8% to 24.9% of the time. Post-prostatectomy clinical utility was reported 2 ways. First, the influence of the genomic

classifier test on treatment decision-making was estimated to have an odds ranging from 4.04 to 8.57 (based on high vs not-high risk test results, or per 5% increase in score). Odds of pursuing adjuvant radiation therapy ranged from 1.48 (per 5% increase in score) and 9.75 (high vs not-high), while odds of pursuing salvage radiation therapy were 1.30 (per 5% increase) and 8.02 (high vs not-high). Harm as a result of genomic classifier testing was not reported by any study.

Impact of receipt of genomic classifier testing was also reported for specific treatment choices. Across included observational studies, rates of recommending AS after an initial diagnosis were higher after receipt of genomic classifier (range 51%–89%), though there was no clear pattern for adjuvant treatment or surveillance after prostatectomy. There was also no clear pattern between clinical risk classification and the effect of genomic classifier testing on treatment recommendation at the time of diagnosis.

When considering the effect of race on clinical utility, the 1 randomized trial ($N = 191$) included a prespecified hypothesis that use of genomic testing would increase adoption of AS, including among Black men. They found no evidence of a statistically significant difference in AS uptake by race across the following groups. A second study using 2 retrospective cohorts from 6 VA health care systems found a 14% absolute difference in use of AS among black Veterans between untested (66%) and tested (80%) groups compared with an 11% absolute difference among White Veterans (61% vs 72%) with a p value of <0.01 .

KQ3

Thirty-nine studies including more than 10,000 patients addressed the utility of adding or incorporating genomic classifiers into clinical risk classification schemes to enhance prognostic accuracy across multiple disease outcomes. There was substantial variability in the clinical risk classification employed, outcome definitions, and statistical measures used to assess the impact of genomic classifiers. Seven studies evaluated test prognostic ability in addition to NCCN risk classification, 22 to CAPRA or CAPRA-S, 1 to AUA, and 24 to a combination of clinical features unique to the study, with a plurality of studies reporting multiple comparisons across clinical risk classification schemes. Sixteen studies investigated biochemical recurrence, 20 the rate of metastases, and 10 prostate-cancer-specific mortality, all of which were retrospective in design. Five studies included composite endpoints, of which 2 were prospective and the remaining 3 retrospective. Twenty-two studies employed Decipher, 5 Oncotype, and 14 Prolaris, with 1 study investigating all 3 genomic classifiers. Twenty-four studies ran the genomic classifier on prostatectomy tissue, 20 on biopsy tissue, and 5 on a combination of the two. Twenty-six studies included patients diagnosed prior to 2000 and 9 included patients diagnosed prior to 1990. The majority of studies, 34, included patients who underwent prostatectomy as their initial treatment. Nine studies included patients who were treated with definitive radiation, with only 3 studies including patients that solely received definitive radiation. Two studies did not report the treatments received.

Eighteen studies were found to have low overall ROB, 11 moderate ROB, and 10 high ROB. Of note, 17 studies appear to have been sponsored or coauthored by the commercial companies with rights to the genomic classifier tests under study. Common causes of ROB among included studies for KQ3 include exclusion of potentially eligible participants due to insufficient tissue sample or tissue quality to run the genomic classifier test, exclusion of patients lost to follow-up or who might have had adverse outcomes in other health systems, inadequate adjusting for confounders in analysis; limited duration of follow-up, and lack of details about missing data.

Less common was having the genomic classifier test run by a lab other than the commercial lab for the specific test type.

Findings by Outcome and Test Type

Next, we describe the findings by outcome and then by genomic classifier test type. We focus on the effect estimates included in forest plots and meta-analyses when appropriate. Additional study findings not combined due to methods-based or conceptual heterogeneity, findings related to C-statistics, and uncommonly reported outcomes are described in detail in the full report.

Risk of biochemical recurrence

First, we considered the additive prognostic value of the tests for risk of biochemical recurrence. For Decipher, there was a 20% increase in the risk of BCR for patients with a higher Decipher score in models that included standard clinical classification factors with a summary estimate hazard ratio (HR) across 3 studies ($N = 445$) of 1.20 (95% CI [1.00, 1.43]; 95% prediction interval [PI] [1.00, 1.43]). One study included patients post-prostatectomy and 2 included patients after definitive radiation therapy. For Oncotype, the study-specific HR ranged from 1.10 (95% CI [1.10, 1.21]) to 2.7 (1.84, 3.96) across 3 studies not combined in a meta-analysis due to underlying conceptual heterogeneity—2 of which had wide CIs and all of which were patients post-prostatectomy. For Prolaris, the summary estimate HR across 7 studies ($N = 2,186$) was 1.44 (95% CI [1.28, 1.62]; 95% PI [1.28, 1.62]). All but 1 of the 7 studies were post-prostatectomy, and 1 included patients treated with radiation therapy. Event rates across identified studies ranged from 15 to 193.

Risk of metastatic disease

Second, we considered the additive prognostic value of the tests for risk of metastases. For Decipher, there was a 32% increase in the risk of metastatic disease for patients with higher Decipher scores across 9 studies considering the test as a continuous outcome ($N = 2,139$); the summary HR was 1.32 (95% CI [1.22, 1.44]; 95% PI [1.15, 1.52]). Of these 9 studies, 4 included patients post-prostatectomy, 2 after radiation therapy, 1 after either radiation or prostatectomy, and 1 after a combination of therapies. When considered as a categorical outcome, the effect estimates were wide ranging and had very broad confidence intervals due to a limited number of metastatic events in the studies. There were only 2 studies that evaluated this outcome for the Oncotype test, and they reported greater risk estimates with the HRs from 2 contributing studies in patients post-prostatectomy ($N = 687$) being 2.24 (95% CI [1.49, 3.53]) and 2.34 (95% CI [1.42, 3.86]). For Prolaris, 1 study ($n=582$) that included patients post-prostatectomy and 2 that included patients post-prostatectomy or after radiation therapy with or without ADT reported HR ranging from 2.03 (95% CI [1.47, 2.78]) to 4.19 (95% CI [2.08, 8.45]).

Risk of prostate-cancer-specific mortality

We also considered the additive prognostic value of the tests for risk of prostate-cancer-specific mortality. Overall, fewer studies reported this outcome. Risk estimates were of similar magnitude and direction for Decipher and Prolaris, while in studies evaluating Oncotype reporting slightly greater hazard ratios, wider confidence intervals were noted. Two studies ($N = 538$) examined the additive benefit of Decipher with this outcome among patients post-prostatectomy and reported HR of 1.81 (95% CI [1.48, 2.25]) and 1.39 (95% CI [1.20, 1.63]). Median duration of follow-up in these studies was 7 and 13 years. For Oncotype, 2 studies ($N =$

687) followed post-prostatectomy patients for a median of 9.8 and 15.5 years. They reported HRs of 2.30 (95% CI [1.45, 4.36]) and 2.69 (95% CI [1.50, 4.82]). Three Prolaris studies ($N = 1,675$) contributed to a meta-analysis of the additive prognostic effect and reported a summary HR of 1.72 (95% CI [1.58, 1.87]; 95% PI [1.58 to 1.87]). Duration of follow-up in these 3 studies ranged from 9.5 to 11.8 years.

DISCUSSION

Key Findings and Strength of Evidence

We evaluated the impact of 3 genomic classifier tests—Decipher, Oncotype, and Prolaris—on risk reclassification, treatment recommendations, and key clinical outcomes among patients with prostate cancer at the time of diagnosis and after definitive initial treatment. While there was a wide range of impacts on risk reclassification across studies, there was no clear pattern. We note that while there was no change in risk classification for a majority of patients, that still meant a clinically meaningful proportion across identified studies experienced a change that could influence important treatment changes. A lack of change was most consistent among patients at very low risk based on clinical features. With respect to the clinical utility of these tests, we found that providers do change their treatment recommendations after receipt of test results in observational studies, although note that these changes in practice occurred in the presence of a lack of established ability for these tests to predict treatment response. The single randomized trial identified did not find a statistically significant change in treatment after receipt of Oncotype test results. Evidence around clinical utility was distinct by test type and timeframe such that Oncotype and Prolaris were studied only at initial diagnosis and Decipher only after prostatectomy.

Overall, we found that these tests seem to provide modest additional prognostic information over existing clinical risk prediction schemas with respect to biochemical recurrence, development of metastatic disease, and prostate-cancer-specific mortality. For Decipher, which had the largest number of studies, we have low certainty of evidence (COE) that this test provides additional prognostic information for risk of biochemical recurrence, metastases, and prostate-cancer-specific mortality. For Oncotype and Prolaris, we have very low COE across all 3 outcomes. We note that while the effect estimates were consistent in showing a small, but potentially clinically relevant additive benefit of the genomic tests, our confidence assessments were frequently downgraded for issues related to indirectness, reflecting the era from which the data were drawn, imprecision of the estimates, and inconsistency.

Applicability

The evidence supporting the benefit of additional prognostic information afforded by genomic classifier tests in the context of prostate cancer is limited by the fact that these findings largely stem from patients diagnosed and treated prior to the current era of prostate cancer management defined by advanced screening practices as well as evolution in pathologic assessment, staging, and treatment modalities. Regarding relevance to the VA, several of the identified studies included VA-sourced data. Across all included studies, the patient populations were similar based on patient characteristics (*eg*, age, comorbidities) to the Veteran population such that these findings are expected to be generalizable to the VA clinical setting.

Future Research

To strengthen the body of evidence for the KQs outlined in this report, we suggest the following study design and analytic considerations. First, for studies addressing KQ3, prospective cohort studies with sufficient follow-up (*eg*, 15 years) would be ideal, while randomized trials would be preferred to determine if these tests are indeed predictive of treatment outcome. Greater certainty may be supported through additional studies evaluating Oncotype and Prolaris in patients after definitive treatment and evaluating Decipher in patients prior to definitive treatment. In addition, studies offering direct comparisons across these tests could inform determinations of comparative value. Finally, harms from use of these tests should be reported as an important outcome. Any future studies adding to this body of literature should provide explicit descriptions of the source of cohort data (especially when there is potential or apparent overlap across publications), outline attrition rates from cohort populations due to inadequate tissue samples or test results, and employ a standardized and broadly accepted set of core potential confounding measures for analytic adjustment.

Conclusions

Genomic classifier tests offer the potential to improve prognostic assessment for patients with prostate cancer and to provide critical information for patient-provider deliberations on key management decisions. While there is some evidence elucidating when such tests may lead to a change in risk classification and supporting tendency to spur a change in management, the key data needed to inform the value of these tests lies in their ability to accurately predict the risk of key long-term clinical outcomes that are relevant to patients. Definitive evidence of the prognostic ability of these tests is still needed from current management-era data. In the meantime, providers and their patients can take note that genomic classifier tests appear to provide some additional prognostic benefits that could offer value when treatment decisions are uncertain.

EVIDENCE REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Prostate cancer is the most common malignancy in men with an estimated 268,490 new cases in the United States in 2022, and approximately 70% of these patients presented with localized disease.¹ Prostate cancer is also the most common malignancy seen within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), accounting for approximately 12,500 new diagnoses per year.² Risk stratification of these patients to help define prognosis and guide treatment has been traditionally based on clinical features including prostate specific antigen (PSA) level, tumor staging, and biopsy results.³ However, multiple options exist for treatment, and there is variability in patient outcomes not otherwise explained by currently recognized risk factors. To improve the determination of individual risk of adverse clinical outcomes, tissue-based genomic classifier tests have been developed. The goal of these tests is to refine the current clinically based classification schema and inform personalized recommendations for treatment intensity. Depending on the point during the clinical course of prostate cancer at which the genomic classifier test is obtained, it can guide treatment intensity—such as the decision to pursue active surveillance, surgery, or radiation with or without hormonal therapy—or the timing and extent of adjuvant treatment following prostatectomy. Ultimately, the hope is for these tests to inform patient-physician decision-making, improve patient outcomes, and reduce overtreatment.

Tissue-based genomic classifiers have been developed with the goal of refining prognosis and personalizing treatment intensity. Three of the currently commercially available genomic classifier tests are Decipher, Oncotype (formerly Oncotype DX GPS, hereafter referred to as Oncotype), and Prolaris (Appendix A). Each test provides a score based on the expression of an empirically derived panel of genes in a patient's biopsy or prostatectomy specimen that can be used to estimate the risk of important clinical outcomes.⁴⁻⁶ While large prospective studies are underway to assess the use of at least 1 of these studies (Decipher) to guide treatment intensity,^{7,8} results are not likely to be available for a decade or more. In the meantime, a review of what is currently known about genomic classifier tests in localized prostate cancer is needed to inform interim guidance for clinical care.

This systematic review examines (1) whether adding Decipher, Oncotype, or Prolaris tests to existing clinical risk models changes a patient's risk classification, (2) how the use of these tests impacts treatment choice and if use of these tests causes harm, and (3) what prognostic value is offered by these tests beyond existing clinical risk models. We also consider available evidence on associations between test results (*ie*, risk classifications) and patient-important clinical outcomes, particularly survival.

METHODS

TOPIC DEVELOPMENT

This topic was developed at the request of the National Radiation Oncology Program and the National Oncology Prostate Cancer Clinical Pathways team. Findings from this review will be used to inform the multidisciplinary national clinical pathway for prostate cancer used by all providers who diagnose, treat, and manage prostate cancer patients in the VA.

KEY QUESTIONS

The following key questions (KQs) were the focus of this review:

KQ1: Among individuals with localized prostate cancer who are considering first-line definitive treatment, does the addition of a tissue-based genomic test to existing clinical risk models impact risk classification?

KQ2: Does tissue-based genomic testing impact the choice of treatment intensity or harms:

A. Among individuals with localized prostate cancer before first-line definitive treatment?

B. Among individuals who have undergone radical prostatectomy?

KQ3: Among patients with localized prostate cancer, what is the incremental prognostic effect of tissue-based genomic tests beyond existing prognostic clinical features on key clinical outcomes (eg, biochemical recurrence-free survival, metastases-free survival) following definitive treatment?

The conceptual framework developed to guide the approach to this review is in Appendix C.

PROTOCOL

A preregistered protocol for this review can be found on the PROSPERO international prospective register of systematic reviews (<http://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPERO/>; registration number CRD42022347950).

DATA SOURCES AND SEARCHES

The MEDLINE (via Ovid), Embase (via Elsevier), and Web of Science (via Clarivate) databases were searched from 2010 to the present using a combination of database-specific controlled vocabulary terms and keywords searched in the titles and abstracts related to prostate cancer and genomic tests. An experienced medical librarian devised and conducted the search, with input on keywords from the other authors. The search strategies were peer reviewed by another librarian using a modified PRESS checklist.⁹ The original searches were conducted on April 20, 2022. Case reports, editorials, letters, comments, and conference abstracts were excluded from the search, as were animal-only studies. The full, reproducible search strategies are in Appendix B. In addition, we hand-searched previous systematic reviews conducted on this or a related topic for potential included studies.

STUDY SELECTION

Eligibility Criteria

Studies identified through our primary search were classified independently based on title and abstract by 2 investigators for relevance to the KQs from our *a priori* established eligibility criteria. All citations classified for inclusion by at least 1 investigator were reviewed at the full-text review level. The citations designated for exclusion by 1 investigator at the title and abstract level underwent screening by a second investigator. If both investigators agreed on exclusion, the study was excluded. All articles meeting eligibility criteria were included for data abstraction. All results were tracked in an electronic database (for referencing, EndNote, Clarivate Analytics,

Philadelphia, PA; for data abstraction, DistillerSR, Evidence Partners Inc., Manotick, ON, Canada).

Table 1 describes the study eligibility criteria organized by PICOTS elements (population, intervention, comparator, outcome, timing, setting) and other criteria such as study design, language, and publication type. Note that while the Oncotype genomic classifier test was acquired by MDxHealth and is now named Genomic Prostate Score (GPS), we use the name Oncotype throughout this report because most of the articles reviewed used the former name.

Table 1. Eligibility Criteria

	Inclusion	Exclusion
Population	<p>KQ1, 2A: Patients with localized prostate cancer who are seeking first-line definitive treatment</p> <p>KQ2B: Patients who have localized prostate cancer who have undergone radical prostatectomy considering post-surgical treatment intensity</p> <p>KQ3: Patients who have localized prostate cancer who have undergone definitive radiation or surgery</p>	<p>Patients with metastatic (<i>de novo</i> or recurrent) prostate cancer with either distant or non-regional nodal metastases</p>
Index prognostic factor	<p>Tissue-based, multigene expression classifiers, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decipher • Oncotype (now known as genomic prostate score or GPS) • Prolaris (<i>eg</i>, cell cycle progression [CCP] molecular score) <p>Tissue upon which testing is run can be from a diagnostic biopsy or prostatectomy</p> <p>Diagnostic test does not need to be run at the time of tissue acquisition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Germline genetic testing • Next-generation sequencing • Other gene signatures (<i>eg</i>, Post-Operative Radiation Therapy Outcomes Score [PORTOS])
Comparator prognostic factors	<p>Clinical feature-based prediction models (<i>eg</i>, AUA/NCCN, CAPRA-S)</p> <p>Prediction models must include the following minimum core set of clinical features: PSA, Gleason score, and clinical tumor (T) stage</p>	<p>Prognostic factors not meeting the minimal core set</p>
Outcomes	<p>KQ1: Changes in risk classification or reclassification, difference in classification</p> <p>KQ2: Proportion choosing active surveillance, change in management/treatment decision-making, addition of ADT to definitive radiation, receipt of adjuvant radiation with or without ADT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse pathology at prostatectomy • Patient experience of treatment decision (<i>eg</i>, decision conflict)

	Inclusion	Exclusion
	<p>harms (eg, complications from unnecessary treatment)</p> <p>KQ3^a: Biochemical recurrence-free survival, metastasis-free survival, prostate-cancer-specific mortality, overall survival, time-on surveillance</p>	
Timing	<p><u>Time test is measured</u>: At any time point in clinical management but run on tissue obtained at diagnostic biopsy or prostatectomy</p> <p><u>Time outcomes assessed</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KQ1: At the time of first-line definitive treatment determination • KQ2: At the time of relevant treatment decision (intensity) and at least 12 months after receipt of treatment (harms) • KQ3: At least 3 years after test measurement 	
Setting	Any setting	
Study design	Randomized trials (including pilot studies), pre-post studies, retrospective/prospective cohort studies (including observational data drawn from randomized trials), case-control studies, individual meta-analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case studies/series • Systematic reviews
Publication types	Full publication in a peer-reviewed journal	Letters, opinion pieces, editorials, reviews, dissertations, meeting abstracts, protocols without results
Years	2010 to April 20, 2022	

Notes. ^a Given the relatively recent development of these tests, longer term clinical outcomes data, such as overall survival, may not be available. As such, we also considered intermediate outcomes such as biochemical recurrence and metastases-free survival.

Abbreviations. AUA=American Urological Association; KQ=key question; PSA=prostate-specific antigen.

DATA ABSTRACTION AND ASSESSMENT

Data from published reports were abstracted into a customized DistillerSR database by 1 reviewer and over-read by a second reviewer. Disagreements were resolved by consensus or by obtaining a third reviewer's opinion when consensus was not reached. We extracted data elements from included studies including descriptors to assess applicability, quality elements, population characteristics, intervention details, and outcomes including prognostic effect estimates and adverse events. Our extraction process was guided by CHARMS-PF (the checklist for critical appraisal and data extraction for systematic reviews of prognostic factor studies).¹⁰ Key characteristics abstracted included participant descriptors (eg, age, race, clinical status), test type (eg, Decipher, Prolaris, Oncotype), comparator, prognostic effect estimates, and outcomes. We attempted to identify when a cohort of patients from an individual institution was included in multiple analyses. When identified, we prioritized data from the larger or more inclusive cohort analysis.

In accordance with our *a priori* plan, we prioritized randomized trials, prospective cohort studies, cohorts with longer follow-up duration (>5 years), nested case-control studies, and validation or confirmatory studies over training cohorts or data used to establish a test, given the volume of identified literature. While cost outcomes were not relevant to the determination of eligibility, we had an *a priori* interest in cost outcomes related to the use of genomic classifier tests in the identified studies and these outcomes were collected when available.

For risk of bias (ROB) assessment, we selected the appropriate tool relevant to the included study design. For studies solely or primarily relevant to KQ3 or prognostic outcomes, we used QUIPS because it is a validated tool to assess quality in prognostic factor studies.¹¹ Domains included in QUIPS include study participation, study attrition, prognostic factor measurement, outcome measurement, adjustment for other prognostic factors, and statistical analysis and reporting. Based on a previously published approach, any study that was rated high in 1 or more domains or moderate for 3 or more was considered high ROB overall. Any study that was rated low ROB in all 6 domains or up to 1 moderate ROB was considered low ROB overall.¹² Studies that did not meet either of those conditions were considered moderate ROB overall. For KQ1 and KQ2, studies that did not otherwise address KQ3 as a prognostic outcomes study, we used ROB-2¹³ for randomized trials and ROBINS-I for observational designs.¹⁴ These criteria included adequacy of randomization and allocation concealment, comparability of groups at baseline, blinding, completeness of follow-up and differential loss to follow-up, whether incomplete data were addressed appropriately, validity of outcome measures, protection against contamination, selective outcomes reporting, and conflict of interest. We assigned a summary ROB rating to individual studies.

We paid attention to particular areas of potential bias among identified studies including the following: (1) exclusion of patient data due to inadequate tissue or incalculable test score beyond 20% to 30%, which we considered average sample loss; (2) evidence that tests were run by a lab other than the commercial lab for the specific test, as the tests themselves are proprietary and a non-commercial lab would not be able to provide the equivalent testing results; (3) inadequate adjustment for basic clinical features considered standard for clinical risk assessment, and (4) clarity and consistency in the selection of patient populations for analysis, especially when data were drawn from multiple health care systems or clinics.

We completed ROB in duplicate for 25% of included studies. Because we found sufficient agreement, the remaining included studies were assessed for ROB by 1 investigator and over-read by a second given the volume of included studies for observational designs. Lastly, we audited ROB assessments for consistency across the included studies. These criteria included adequacy of randomization and allocation concealment, comparability of groups at baseline, blinding, completeness of follow-up and differential loss to follow-up, whether incomplete data were addressed appropriately, validity of outcome measures, protection against contamination, selective outcomes reporting, and conflict of interest. We assigned a summary ROB score to individual studies. We completed ROB in duplicate for 25% of included studies. Because we found sufficient agreement, the remaining included studies were assessed for ROB by 1 investigator and over-read by a second given the volume of included studies.

SYNTHESIS

We summarized the primary literature using data abstracted from eligible studies. Summary tables describe key study characteristics of the primary studies (*eg*, study design, patient demographics, and genomic test). We determined the feasibility of completing a quantitative synthesis (*ie*, meta-analysis) to estimate summary prognostic effects; feasibility decisions were based on the volume of relevant literature, types of effect measures reported, and completeness of results. We also considered similarity in patient treatment status (before or after first-line definitive treatment), test studied, follow-up duration, and definitions of risk classifications. We did not combine outcomes across the 3 types of commercial genomic classifier tests, as each test evaluates the expression profile of distinct gene panels that differ across the tests, details of which are not publicly available, and therefore cannot be determined to be equivalent.

Conceptual consistency was primarily based on clinical contextualization and consideration for which types of patient cohorts were similar enough for a combined analysis (*eg*, those who had received or not received definitive initial treatment for prostate cancer). For each key outcome, we reviewed operationalized definitions of the outcome variable and combined those that were sufficiently conceptually similar after discussion with clinical experts on our team (MB, DC).

For KQ1, we prioritized data reported at the individual level (*ie*, reporting of specific number or percentage of patients that changed from 1 specific risk level to another risk level). We summarized no change, higher, and lower reclassification across reported levels (*eg*, % changed from low to favorable intermediate plus, % changed from unfavorable intermediate to high for reclassification to a higher level). When individual-level data were not provided, we report summary % reclassification as given in the primary article. For KQ2, we similarly categorized treatment intensification versus de-intensification based on how it was reported by the included studies.

For KQ 3, we considered a minimum set of established prognostic factors (*ie*, PSA, Gleason score, and clinical tumor [T] stage) for adequate adjustment. However, some otherwise eligible studies did not include T stage as a component of the regression model. Studies were not excluded for this reason. Because the genomic classifier tests of interest can be reported as both a continuous variable and a categorical variable, we report both. We only aggregated outcomes when there were at least 3 studies with the same outcome, based on the rationale that 2 studies do not provide adequate evidence for summary effects. We grouped outcomes by time point of outcome measurement (*eg*, 3–5 years after test measurement vs 6–10 years) due to the current understanding of the natural history of prostate cancer. Specifically, we did not combine discrimination statistics (*eg*, AUC, c-index) at 5 and 10 years, as the natural history of prostate cancer is slow and there is no clear existence of a natural plateau for outcomes that would support combining such data. For time-to-metastasis or metastasis-free survival, we combined studies defining this outcome by distant and/or regional metastases. This decision was driven by the recognition that while the location of metastases can drive treatment decisions, attention to the location of metastases has evolved over time, including during the time span of many of the included studies. We have noted the definitions for key outcomes in our study characteristics table (Appendix E).

For survival and other time-to-event outcomes, we abstracted hazard ratios and corresponding 95% confidence intervals (CIs). We also abstracted calibration (*eg*, O:E ratio) and discrimination (*eg*, c-statistic, AUC) statistics for models with and without the addition of a genomic classifier.

Given the KQs guiding this review, we only abstracted adjusted prognostic effect estimates with the most adjusted analyses prioritized.

When studies reported multiple models using different approaches to adjusting for clinical risk factors (eg, NCCN vs CAPRA risk stratification models, individual clinical risk factors), we prioritized the use of models as follows:

- For patient cohorts with an intact prostate and who had *not* received definitive therapy, we prioritized models using NCCN risk categorization, followed by CAPRA, and then individual clinical features.
- For patients who received radical prostatectomy, we prioritized CAPRA-S, followed by models with individual clinical risk factors.

Random-effects models were used for meta-analyses, and for analyses with fewer than 20 studies, we used the Knapp-Hartung approach to better account for uncertainty in estimates of the amount of heterogeneity among studies.

We evaluated heterogeneity using visual inspection of forest plots and 95% prediction intervals. When prediction intervals encompassed values that substantially differed from the effect estimate (in magnitude, direction, or both), we concluded that there was substantial heterogeneity present. Potential sources of heterogeneity we planned to investigate included case-mix variation, study characteristics (eg, follow-up time), analytic approach, and risk of bias.

When a quantitative synthesis was not feasible, we summarized the data narratively. We gave more weight to the evidence from higher quality studies with more precise estimates of effect. A narrative synthesis focused on documenting and identifying patterns of effect of incremental benefit of genomic classifier tests after consideration of existing clinical prognostic factors. We analyzed potential reasons for inconsistency in prognostic effects across studies by evaluating differences in the study population, clinical status, comparator, and timing and definition of outcome variables.

Nominators for this review expressed an *a priori* interest in differences in the effect of these genomic classifier tests by key subpopulations, specifically race/ethnicity and risk classification at the time of genomic classifier test sample collection. Given that this is a patient-level characteristic, we sought to identify analyses conducted within the primary literature that identified effect modification (eg, subgroup analyses, regression model explanatory variables). We were unable to consider meta-regression to explore quantitative or qualitative interactions of prespecified, potential effect modifiers including duration of follow-up due to lack of individual patient data. In addition, we narratively considered the representation of subgroups within identified studies in comparison with the VA population.

We assessed certainty of evidence using GRADE with consideration of guidance around adaptation for prognostic studies.¹⁵ We limited GRADE ratings to outcomes for KQ3 due to the volume and comparability of relevant studies. In brief, this approach requires assessment of 4 domains: ROB, consistency, directness, and precision. Additional domains to be used when appropriate are dose-response association, impact of plausible residual confounders, strength of association (magnitude of effect), and publication bias. We assigned a summary rating of high, moderate, low, or very low strength of evidence based on consensus among 3 investigators (KG,

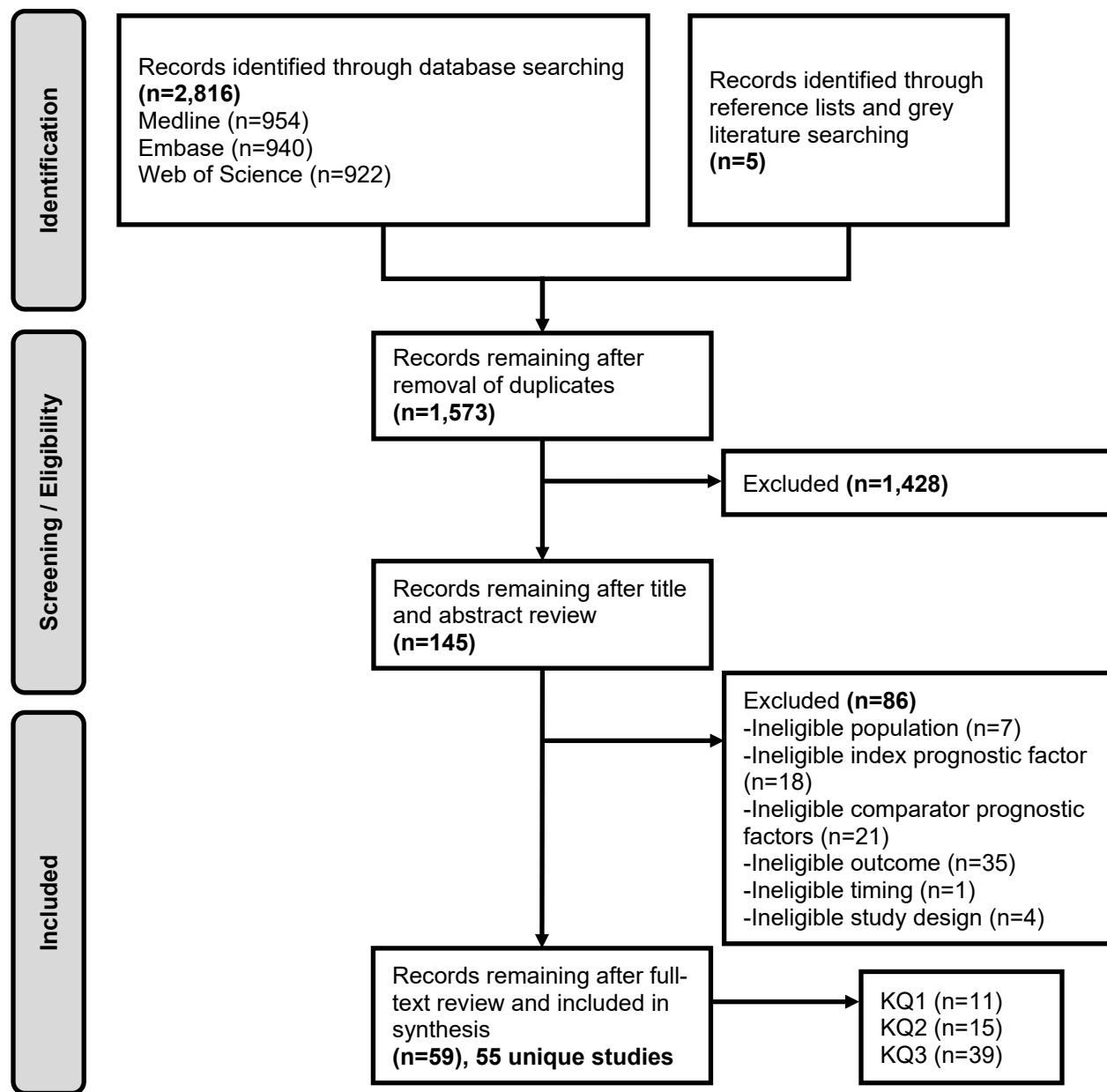
MB, AG). We did not downgrade for observational study designs as suggested for prognostic GRADE assessment.¹⁵ Studies that included patient data from the 1980s or early 1990s were downgraded for indirectness because patients in these studies have limited comparability with patients receiving modern cancer screening and treatment.

RESULTS

LITERATURE FLOW

The literature flow diagram (Figure 1) summarizes the results of the study selection process (full list of excluded studies is in Appendix D).

Figure 1. Literature Flowchart



LITERATURE OVERVIEW

We identified 2,816 records through searches of MEDLINE (via Ovid), Embase, and Web of Science (see Figure 2). An additional 5 articles were identified through hand searching and reviewing bibliographies of relevant review articles for a total of 2,821 articles. After removing duplicates, there were 1,573 articles remaining in total. After applying inclusion and exclusion criteria to titles and abstracts, 145 articles remained for full-text review. Of these, 59 were included and retained for data abstraction. Of the 59 articles, 55 were identified as unique studies. They consisted of 1 randomized controlled trial, 1 secondary analysis of a randomized trial, 1 individual patient-level meta-analysis, 2 case-control studies, and 50 observational cohorts (8 prospective, 42 retrospective). The studies were conducted across North America, Europe, and Asia (United States, Britain, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, and China). Multiple studies had overlapping cohorts and it was not always possible to determine the exact degree of overlap. There were 4 studies conducted exclusively in the VA; however, 7 additional studies included a VA cohort.

Of the 55 studies, 11 related to KQ1, 15 to KQ2, and 39 to KQ3. Several studies had outcomes related to more than one KQ. For details of study characteristics, see Appendix E.

In the results section below for each KQ, we report results by genomic classifier test type in alphabetical order for consistency: Decipher, Oncotype, Prolaris.

KEY QUESTION 1: AMONG INDIVIDUALS WITH LOCALIZED PROSTATE CANCER WHO ARE CONSIDERING FIRST-LINE DEFINITIVE TREATMENT, DOES THE ADDITION OF A TISSUE-BASED GENOMIC TEST TO EXISTING CLINICAL RISK MODELS IMPACT RISK CLASSIFICATION?

Key Points

- The majority of identified studies (6 of 11) that evaluated risk reclassification used the Oncotype genomic classifier run on biopsy specimens prior to definitive treatment.
- Prior to definitive treatment, Oncotype results did not change the clinical risk level in 37% to 81% of patients, reclassified 3.2% to 44% of patients to a higher risk, and reclassified 12% to 35.4% of patients to a lower risk. For Decipher, 1 large study reported no change in classification in 24% of patients, a higher classification in 35%, and a lower classification in 41%. The 1 small study using Prolaris had no change in classification of 58% of participants, higher reclassification in 25%, and lower in 17%.
- Among baseline intermediate-risk patients, Oncotype led to a lower reclassification in 4% to 28.8% of cases, higher classification in 2% to 69%, and no change in classification in 15% to 96%.
- Few studies examined differences in risk reclassification among minoritized racial groups.

Overall, 11 studies reported risk reclassification from baseline risk assessment with clinical features to genomic classifier testing.¹⁶⁻²⁶ Reclassification was reported either as a direct comparison of risk levels using the same risk labels or through integration of the genomic

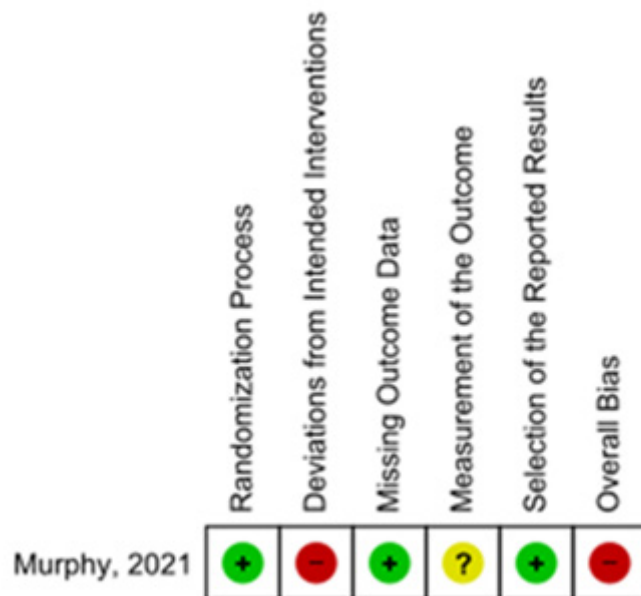
classifier test results into the clinical features risk assessment. One study reported risk reclassification among intervention arm patients in a randomized trial,²³ 4 in prospective cohort studies,^{19,20,24,26} 5 in retrospective cohort studies,^{16,17,21,22,25} and 1 in an ambidirectional study (a retrospective and prospective cohort).¹⁸ Three studies used Decipher,^{19,22,26} 6 used Oncotype,^{16-18,20,23,24} and 2 used Prolaris.^{21,25} The majority of patients in these 11 studies fell into intermediate or lower baseline clinical risk classification, with only 3 studies including patients at high risk.^{19,21,22} Overall, among studies reporting time of data collection, the years over which the prospective studies were conducted ranged from 2012–2014, the retrospective studies drew data from years 2013–2020, and the ambidirectional study from 2013–2014 for the retrospective component and 2015–2016 for the prospective component. For clinical-based risk classification, 8 studies used NCCN criteria,^{16-20,22-24} 1 AUA,²⁵ 1 EUA,²¹ and 1 CAPRA-S.²⁶ Eight studies were found to have low ROB,^{17-22,24,26} 2 moderate ROB,^{16,25} and 2 high/serious ROB (designation term depending on instrument used).^{18,23} Common sources of ROB for articles relevant to this KQ included missing patient-level data due to inadequate or poor quality sample, lack of information about which patients were receiving the test, and inadequate control of confounders (Figures 2 and 3).

Figure 2. ROBINS-I Risk of Bias Assessment for KQ1 Studies

		Risk of bias domains							
		D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	Overall
Study	Badani 2015	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Eure 2017	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Gaffney 2019	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Klein 2016	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Lynch 2018	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Michalopoulos 2014	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Orderda 2017	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	Rayford 2018	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-
	Seiden 2021	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-
	Spratt 2018	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

Domains:	Judgement
D1: Bias due to confounding.	- Moderate
D2: Bias due to selection of participants.	+ Low
D3: Bias in classification of interventions.	
D4: Bias due to deviations from intended interventions.	
D5: Bias due to missing data.	
D6: Bias in measurement of outcomes.	
D7: Bias in selection of the reported result.	

Notes. Some of these studies are included for both KQ1 and KQ2. ROB assessment may differ by outcome.

Figure 3. Risk of Bias Assessment for the Randomized Trial

Notes. Green plus denotes low risk of bias; red dash denotes high risk of bias; yellow question mark denotes some concerns about risk of bias.

Risk Reclassification Among Patients Prior to Definitive Treatment

Decipher

We identified 2 studies that examined the change in risk classification following Decipher testing (Figure 4 and Table 2).^{19,22} One low ROB study¹⁹ included data from 2 prospective cohorts. The first cohort included 4,960 patients diagnosed between 2014 and 2016 with NCCN clinical risk classification ranging from low to very high and who had a Decipher test run on radical prostatectomy tissue. The second cohort included 977 patients diagnosed in 2016 with a similar range of NCCN clinical risk classification and who underwent Decipher testing on pre-treatment biopsy tissue specimens. Reclassification results were similar across the 2 included cohorts comparing risk from the 4-tier NCCN risk groups (*ie*, low, favorable intermediate, unfavorable intermediate, high) to a 6-tier risk spectrum combining both clinical and genomic information, with 21% and 24% of cases without a classification change, 43% and 35% with a higher reclassification, and 36% and 41% with a lower reclassification. Of note, reclassification using a novel six-tier system that incorporated both NCCN risk and genomic risk found a greater proportion reclassified with no change in 33.3%, reclassification to a lower risk level in 27.7%, and to a higher level in 38.9%. A smaller low ROB retrospective study²² including 57 men with predominantly low or intermediate risk disease by clinical assessment found half of cases had no change in risk classification while 30% were reclassified to a lower risk and 14% higher.

Oncotype

Six studies^{16-18,20,23,24} with a total of 907 patients evaluated changes in risk classification after Oncotype genomic testing (Table 2). Identified studies included patients with NCCN classification of very low to intermediate risk. Overall, the median proportion without a change in risk classification was 69% (range from 37% to 81%), median percent reclassified to a higher

risk was 6% (range from 3.2% to 44%), and median percent reclassified to a lower risk was 18 (range from 12% to 35.4%).

The 1 randomized trial²³ examined change in risk among the 104 patients assigned to the intervention arm who had undergone Oncotype testing on biopsy specimens and who had baseline NCCN risk evenly distributed from very low to low intermediate risk (note that low intermediate was defined as favorable intermediate risk but excluding patients with Grade Group 2 and more than 3 positive scores and including patients with a PSA of 10–20 ng/mL if the PSA density was less than 0.15). Overall, in this study 40% of patients had no change in risk, 43% were reclassified as higher risk, and 17% were lower.

Two prospective studies evaluated Oncotype effect of risk reclassification, and each found that the majority of patients had no change in risk classification. First, a low ROB prospective study²⁴ of 158 patients from 3 urologic practices with risk assessment before and after testing reported no change in 61.4% with 3.2% reclassified lower and 35.4% higher. Second, a low ROB study²⁰ prospectively collected data on 258 newly diagnosed patients after institutional availability of genomic testing with Oncotype. The majority of patients (77.5%) had no change in risk classification while 5.8% were adjusted higher and 16.7% lower.

The other 3 Oncotype studies were retrospective. One study¹⁷ evaluated 134 patients at a single institution in a low ROB study and found that the majority of patients had no change in classification and more patients were reclassified to a lower risk than changed to a higher risk category. One small, moderate ROB, single-institution cohort study of 63 patients¹⁶ found 37% had no change in risk classification. Finally, 1 study¹⁸ evaluated risk reclassification among 190 newly diagnosed Veterans from 6 VA facilities after Oncotype testing became available and found that 81% had no change in risk classification while 7% were adjusted higher and 12% lower.

Prolaris

One low ROB study²¹ evaluated a small retrospective cohort study with 52 newly diagnosed patients from 2 academic hospitals who had Prolaris tests run on biopsy specimen (Table 2). Of this cohort with 29% of patients classified as high risk by European Association of Urology criteria, 58% were unchanged, 25% changed to a higher risk classification, and 17% lower.

Figure 4. Median Percent Reclassification by Genomic Classifier Test Type

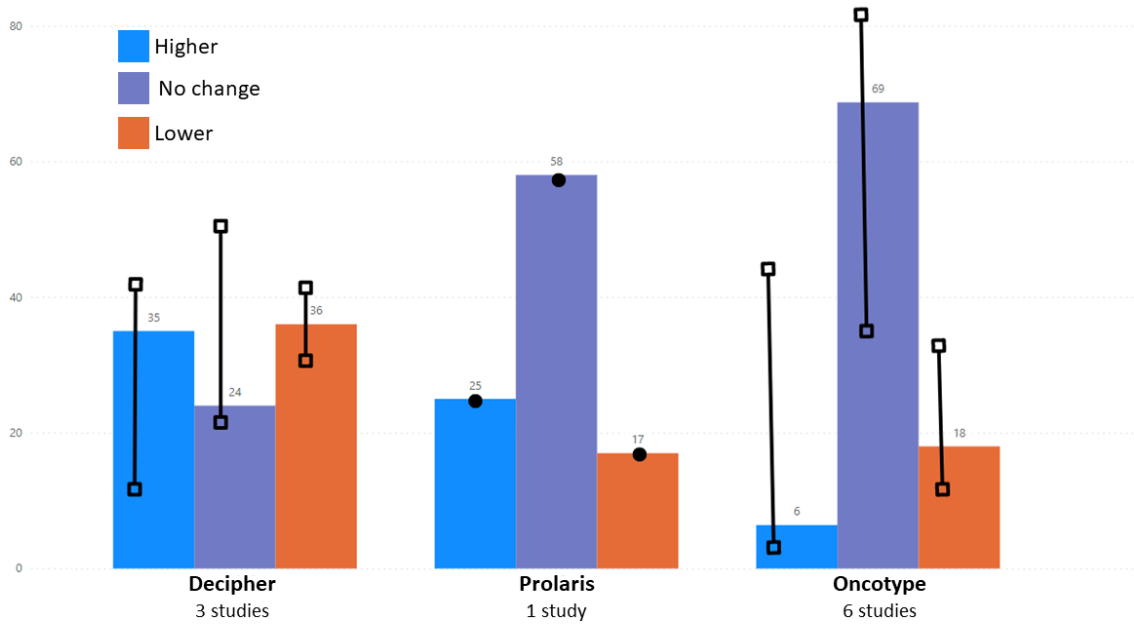


Table 2. Change in Risk Classification with Genomic Classification Testing Among Men Prior to Definitive Treatment

Study Total N Design Tissue Source	Clinical Characteristics Treatment Median Test Value	Pre-test Risk Classification	No Change in Risk N (%)	Reclassified Higher N (%)	Reclassified Lower N (%)
<i>Decipher</i>					
Spratt, 2018 ^{19 a,b} 4,960 Prospective cohort I RP specimen	PSA <200 Stage T1c, T3b, clinical N0 Median GC: NR	NCCN: Low: 203 (4.1%) Favorable int: 948 (19.1%) Unfavorable int: 634 (12.8%) High/very high: 3,145 (64.0%)	21%	43%	36%
Spratt, 2018 ^{19 a,b} 977 Prospective cohort II Biopsy specimen	PSA <200 Stage T1c, T3b, clinical N0 Median GC: NR	NCCN: Low: 315 (32.2%) Favorable int: 198 (20.3%) Unfavorable int: 284 (29.1%) High/very high: 180 (19.4%)	24%	35%	41%
Klein, 2016 ^{22 c} 57 Retrospective, single institution Biopsy specimen	PSA >20 Stage pT3 or positive margin or GG ≥8 All later underwent RP Median GC: 0.38 (IQR 0.29 to 0.49)	NCCN: Low: 23 (40.4%) Int: 27 (47.4%) High: 4 (7.0%) Unknown: 3 (5.3%)	51%	14%	30%
<i>Oncotype</i>					
Murphy, 2021 ²³ 191 patients (104 intervention with test) ENACT Randomized trial Biopsy specimen	Newly diagnosed mean GPS within NCCN groups: very low 5 26.9, low 5 27.2, low intermediate 5 32.4	NCCN: Very low: 40 (38.5%) Low: 36 (34.6%) Low-int: 28 (26.9%)	40%	43%	17%

Study Total N Design Tissue Source	Clinical Characteristics Treatment Median Test Value	Pre-test Risk Classification	No Change in Risk N (%)	Reclassified Higher N (%)	Reclassified Lower N (%)
Lynch, 2018 ¹⁸ 190 tested patients Comparative cohort before/after test availability, 6 VAMCs Biopsy specimen	Newly diagnosed Median GPS: 26.5 (range 0 to 61)	NCCN: Very low: 42 (22%) Low: 81 (43%) Int: 67 (35%)	81%	7%	12%
Seiden, 2021 ¹⁶ 63 men managed with AS Retrospective, single Institution Biopsy specimen	GG 6,7 Managed with AS Median GPS 25 (IQR 19 to 4)	NCCN: Very low: 7 (11%) Low: 24 (38%) Favorable int: 31 (49%) Unfavorable int: 1 (2%)	37%	44%	19%
Eure, 2017 ²⁰ 258 (posttest) Comparative cohort before (retrospective) and after (prospective) institutional testing Biopsy specimen	Newly diagnosed Median GPS: NR	NCCN: Very low: 68 (26.4%) Low: 111 (43.0%) Int: 79 (30.6%)	77.5%	5.8%	16.7%
Badani, 2015b ²⁴ 158, 3 urology practices Prospective before and after test (own patients) Biopsy specimen	Newly diagnosed Median GPS score: NR	NCCN: Very low: 35 (22.2) Low: 71 (44.9) Low-int: 52 (32.9)	61.4%	3.2%	35.4%
Gaffney, 2019 ¹⁷ 134 Retrospective, single institution Biopsy specimen	All patients with GPS GG 6 = 87 (65%) 7 = 47 (35%) 32 later underwent definitive treatment	NCCN: Very low: 31 (23.1%) Low: 45 (33.6%) Int: 58 (43.3%)	76%	4%	20%



Study Total N Design Tissue Source	Clinical Characteristics Treatment Median Test Value	Pre-test Risk Classification	No Change in Risk N (%)	Reclassified Higher N (%)	Reclassified Lower N (%)
<i>Prolaris</i>					
Oderda, 2016 ²¹ 52 Retrospective cohort, 2 academic hospitals Biopsy specimen	Newly diagnosed (All later underwent RP) Median CCP -0.15 (-1.7 to 1.4)	EAU: Low: 13 (25%) Int: 24 (46%) High: 15 (29%)	58%	25%	17%

Notes. ^a Spratt, 2018 included data for 2 separate cohorts; ^b Clinical data were pre-treatment; ^c Reclassification was unknown for 3 patients.

Abbreviations. CCP=cell cycle progression; EAU=European Association of Urology; GG=grade group; GPS=genomic prostate score; Int=intermediate; RP=radical prostatectomy.

Subgroups of Interest

By Baseline Risk Category

Eight studies provided, to varying extents, risk reclassification rates stratified by clinical risk assessment (Table 3).^{16-18,20,22-24,26} No Prolaris studies included relevant subgroup analyses. In general, the majority of patients undergoing risk assessment with genomic classifier tests did not change risk levels; however, this appears to be more consistent among patients at very low risk based on clinical features.

Of the 5 studies that reported changes among patients with a baseline clinical risk classification of *very low*, all used Oncotype testing and NCCN criteria for risk classification.^{17,18,20,23,24} Sixty-six percent of patients identified to be at very low risk in the randomized trial remained at the same risk classification after testing,²³ while the other 4 observational studies found 88% to 100% remained at very low risk with and without the test.

Eight studies reported changes in risk classification among patients at baseline *low risk*, 6 with Oncotype,^{16-18,20,23,24} and 2 with Decipher (3 cohorts total).^{19,22} Among the Oncotype studies, 38% to 70% of patients were not reclassified, 4.2% to 29% were reclassified to a higher risk category, and 20% to 57.7% were reclassified to a lower risk category. One Decipher-based study reported 2 cohorts, 1 using biopsy specimen ($N = 4960$) and 1 using prostatectomy tissue ($N = 977$)¹⁹; among baseline low-risk patients 25.7% and 19.7% remained the same, 25.7% and 12.8% were reclassified higher, and 57.1% and 67.5% lower. The Decipher-based study of 57 patients²² found 86.9% of patients were not reclassified, 13.1% reclassified as higher risk, and none were reclassified as lower risk.

The same 6 Oncotype-based studies reported reclassification among patients at baseline *intermediate* risk. Three studies^{17,18,20} ($N = 895$) found no change among 78% to 96% of patients, reclassification to a higher risk level among 0% to 2%, and reclassification to a lower risk level among 4% to 21%. Two studies reported changes among patients defined as low-intermediate risk (defined above) at baseline; 38% of the 104 patients at low-intermediate risk in the randomized trial²³ reported no change. Twenty-nine percent of patients were reclassified to a higher risk level and 32% to lower risk level. The retrospective cohort²⁴ found no change among 71.2% of 158 patients, 0% higher, and 28.8% lower. In this study, low intermediate risk was defined as favorable intermediate risk but with 3 or fewer positive cores (or 33% or fewer) if Gleason Grade Group 2. The small retrospective cohort of 63 patients¹⁶ reported that 65% of the 31 patients at baseline favorable intermediate risk were reclassified higher. The study with 2 cohorts reported changes across both favorable-intermediate and unfavorable-intermediate risk categories. For the favorable-intermediate group, 28.3% (biopsy cohort) and 21.0% (prostatectomy cohort) experienced no change, 27.3% and 22.3% higher, and 44.4% and 56.8% lower. For the unfavorable-intermediate individuals, 24.6% and 23.8% were not reclassified, 40.5% and 36.0% were higher, and 34.9% and 40.2% were lower. The other small Decipher-based study²² reported risk reclassification among baseline intermediate risk patients with 9 of 27 (33.3%) having no change, 18.5% reclassified higher, and 48.1% lower.

Only the Decipher-based studies reported risk reclassification among high-risk patients. The large study with both a radical prostatectomy and biopsy tissue cohort reported similar findings.¹⁹ Across both cohorts, 16.2% and 21.0% had no change in risk classification when incorporating genomic classifier risk scores, 64.4% and 51.85% higher (to a risk category of very

high), and 19.4% and 27.2% lower. The 4 patients in the study by Klein et al²² who were classified as high risk at baseline were moved to a lower category.

Table 3. Reclassification by Baseline Clinical Risk Levels Prior to Definitive Treatment

Study Total N Design Tissue Source	Clinical Characteristics Treatment Median Test Value	Very Low	Low	Intermediate	High
<i>Decipher</i>					
Spratt, 2018 ^{19 a} 4,960 Prospective cohort I Radical prostatectomy	PSA <200 Stage T1c, T3b, clinical N0 Median GC: NR	—	No change: 40/203 (19.7%) Higher: 26/203 (12.8%) Lower: 137/203 (67.5%)	<i>Favorable Int</i> No change: 199/948 (21.0%) Higher: 211/948 (22.3%) Lower: 538/948 (56.8%) <i>Unfavorable Int</i> No change: 151/634 (23.8%) Higher: 228/634 (36.0%) Lower: 255/634 (40.2%)	No change: 668/3175 (21.0%) Higher: 1644/3175 (51.8%) Lower: 863/3175 (27.2%)
Spratt, 2018 ^{19 a} 977 Prospective cohort II Biopsy specimen	PSA <200 Stage cT1c-T3bN0 Median GC: NR	—	No change: 81/315 (25.7%) Higher: 54/315 (17.1%) Lower: 180/315 (57.1%)	<i>Favorable Int</i> No change: 56/198 (28.3%) Higher: 54/198 (27.3%) Lower: 88/198 (44.4%) <i>Unfavorable Int</i> No change: 70/284 (24.6%) Higher: 115/284 (40.5%)	No change: 29/180 (16.1%) Higher: 116/180 (64.4%) Lower: 35/180 (19.4%)



Study Total N Design Tissue Source	Clinical Characteristics Treatment Median Test Value	Very Low	Low	Intermediate	High
				Lower: 99/284 (34.9%)	
Klein, 2016 ²² 57 Retrospective, single institution Biopsy specimen	PSA >20 Stage pT3 or positive margin or GG ≥8 All later underwent RP Median GC: 0.38 (IQR 0.29 to 0.49)	—	No change: 20 (86.9%) Higher: 3 (13.1%) Lower: none	No change: 9 (33.3%) Higher: 5 (18.5%) Lower: 13 (48.1%)	No change: 0 Higher: 0 Lower: 4 (100%)
<i>Oncotype</i>					
Murphy, 2021 ²³ 191 patients (104 intervention with test) ENACT Randomized trial Biopsy specimen	Newly diagnosed Median GPS: NR	No change: 19/29 (66%) Higher: 10 (34%) Lower: NA	No change: 13 (38%) Higher: 10 (29%) Lower: 11 (32%)	<i>Low-Int</i> No change: 4 (15%) Higher: 18 (69%) Lower: 4 (15%)	—
Lynch, 2018 ¹⁸ 190 tested patients Comparative cohort before/after test availability, 6 VAMCs Biopsy specimen	Newly diagnosed Median GPS: 26.5 (range 0 to 61)	No change: 37 (88%) Higher: 5 (12%) Lower: N/A	No change: 57 (70%) Higher: 8 (10%) Lower: 16 (20%)	No change: 59 (88%) Higher: 0 Lower: 8 (12%)	—
Seiden, 2021 ¹⁶ 63 men managed with AS Retrospective, single Institution Biopsy specimen	GG 6,7 Managed with AS Median GPS: 25 (IQR 19 to 4)	—	Higher: 7/24 (29%)	<i>Fav-Int</i> Higher: 20/31 (65%)	—

Study Total N Design Tissue Source	Clinical Characteristics Treatment Median Test Value	Clinical Characteristics			
		Very Low	Low	Intermediate	High
Eure, 2017 ²⁰ 258 (post test) Comparative cohort before (retrospective) and after (prospective) institutional testing Biopsy specimen	Newly diagnosed Median GPS: NR	No change: 61 (90%) Higher: 7 (10%) Lower: NA	No change: 63 (57%) Higher: 8 (7%) Lower: 40 (36%)	No change: 76 (96%) Higher: 0 Lower: 3 (4%)	—
Badani, 2015b ²⁴ 158, 3 urology practices Prospective before and after test (own patients) Biopsy specimen	Newly diagnosed Median GPS: NR	N = 35 No change: 33 (94.3%) Higher: 2 (5.7%) Lower: NA	N = 71 No change: 27 (38.0%) Higher: 3 (4.2%) Lower: 41 (57.7%)	Low-int, N = 52 No change: 37 (71.2%) Higher: 0 Lower: 15 (28.8%)	—
Gaffney, 2019 ¹⁷ 134 Retrospective, single institution Biopsy specimen	All patients with GPS GG 6 = 87 (65%) 7 = 47 (35%) 32 later underwent definitive treatment	No change: 31/31 (100%)	No change: 26/45 (58%) Higher: 4/45 (9%) Lower: 15/45 (33%)	No change: 45/58 (78%) Higher: 1/58 (2%) Lower: 12/58 (21%)	—
<i>Prolaris (No Studies)</i>					

Notes. ^a Spratt, 2018, included data for 2 separate cohorts.

Abbreviations. AS=active surveillance; Fav=favorable; GG=grade group; GPS=genomic prostate score; Int=intermediate; IQR=interquartile range; PSA=prostate-specific antigen.



By Race

Three studies included a focus on the effect of genomic testing on risk reclassification among a historically minoritized population, specifically Black men. A randomized trial that included a majority of Black men (140 of 200 participants or 70%) did not report reclassification by race after Oncotype testing.²³ A second moderate ROB study from a single-community urologic oncology practice²⁵ compared the impact of Prolaris test results on risk classification between 150 Black and 60 White men with prostate cancer. Overall, there was no change in risk for 43% of Black men compared with 40% of White men, while 33% of Black men were reassigned to a lower risk and 24% higher compared with 50% lower and 10% higher for White men. Finally, a retrospective, single-institution cohort study¹⁶ included 63 participants (all Black) (results in Table 3) and found 37% without a change in risk, 44% higher, and 19% lower after Oncotype testing.

Risk Reclassification Among Patients at the Time of Prostatectomy

One low ROB study (PRO-ACT)²⁶ assessed the impact of Decipher on community-based urologist adjuvant treatment decisions among high risk patients after radical prostatectomy, but also noted that among those tested, 65.4% CAPRA-S intermediate patients were reclassified to a low-risk level. No other studies evaluated the effect of the genomic classifier tests of interest on risk reclassification after prostatectomy.

KEY QUESTION 2: DOES TISSUE-BASED GENOMIC TESTING IMPACT THE CHOICE OF TREATMENT INTENSITY OR HARMS AMONG A) INDIVIDUALS WITH LOCALIZED PROSTATE CANCER BEFORE FIRST-LINE DEFINITIVE TREATMENT OR B) INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE UNDERGONE RADICAL PROSTATECTOMY?

Key Points

- Across 14 observational studies at the time of diagnosis and after prostatectomy, there was a pattern of changes to treatment recommendations after receipt of genomic classifier tests. The only available randomized trial, which incorporated Oncotype test results into treatment decisions, found no evidence of altered choice of treatment after receipt of the test.
- The impact of Oncotype or Prolaris results on treatment recommendations was evaluated only prior to first-line definitive treatment, while Decipher was used only evaluated after prostatectomy.
- Across the observational studies, rates of recommending active surveillance after an initial diagnosis were higher with genomic classifier use, though there was no clear pattern of adjuvant treatment or surveillance after prostatectomy based on test use.
- There was no clear pattern of treatment recommendations at the time of diagnosis attributable to genomic classifier testing.
- Patients classified as higher risk by Decipher at the time of prostatectomy were less likely to receive a recommendation of surveillance.

- Significant limitations of the evidence were that many patients were diagnosed and treated prior to the current era of prostate cancer management, and harms due to genomic classifier testing were not reported by any study.





Fifteen studies addressed the clinical utility, or impact of genomic classifier tests, on treatment intensity recommended and/or received: 5 for Decipher,²⁶⁻³⁰ 7 for Oncotype,^{17,18,20,23,24,31,32} and 3 for Prolaris.³³⁻³⁵ For Decipher-based studies, all considered treatment intensity after prostatectomy. For Oncotype- and Prolaris-based studies, treatment intensity determination was after biopsy and prior to first-line definitive treatment. Study designs addressing this key question included retrospective examinations of documented treatment recommendations before and after receipt of test results, prospective collection of provider recommendations before and after test results, and deidentified case reviews by providers with and without test results. For each specific genomic classifier test, at least 1 study considered treatment recommendations within risk-based subgroups. Two studies^{17,22} reported subgroup analysis by race/ethnicity, both of which used Oncotype.^{18,23} Of note, outcomes for impact on treatment are reported in multiple ways across studies, including overall change, increase/decrease in treatment recommendation, and change in specific treatment recommended (*eg*, active surveillance). The specific definition for treatment intensity varied by study such that some focused any interventional treatment versus observation^{26,29,30,33,34} and others employed a more nuanced approach to treatment.^{18,24,35} Across this group of 15 studies, 1 was found to have low ROB,²⁹ 8 moderate ROB,^{17,18,20,27,28,31,33,35} 5 high/serious ROB,^{23,24,26,32,34} and 1 critical ROB.³⁰ Common sources of potential bias include selection bias from providers choosing to order the test for included patients, reporting bias, outcome measurement approach, and missing data (Figure 5). Results for studies addressing this key question are listed in Table 4.

Next, we describe findings by tests used in the pre-definitive treatment setting followed by post-prostatectomy according to classifier test.

Figure 5. ROBINS-I Risk of Bias Assessment KQ2 Studies

Study	Risk of bias domains							Overall
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	
Badani 2013	⊗	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊗	⊕	⊕
Badani 2015a	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
Badani 2015b	⊗	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊗	⊕	⊗
Canfield 2017	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	-	⊕	-
Crawford 2014	⊗	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊗	⊕	⊗
Dall'Era 2015	⊗	⊗	⊕	⊕	-	-	⊕	⊗
Eure 2017	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	-	-	⊕	-
Gaffney 2019	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	-
Gore 2020	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	-	-
Lynch 2018	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	-
Michalopoulos 2014	⊗	⊕	⊗	⊕	⊕	⊗	⊕	⊗
Morris 2021	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	-	⊕	⊕	-
Nguyen 2015	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	-	⊕	-
Shore 2016	-	-	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	-

Domains:
 D1: Bias due to confounding.
 D2: Bias due to selection of participants.
 D3: Bias in classification of interventions.
 D4: Bias due to deviations from intended interventions.
 D5: Bias due to missing data.
 D6: Bias in measurement of outcomes.
 D7: Bias in selection of the reported result.

Judgement
 Critical
 Serious
 Moderate
 Low

Notes. Some of these studies are included for both KQ1 and KQ2. ROB assessment may differ by outcome.

Overall Treatment Recommendations

Pre-definitive First-line Treatment

Decipher

No studies evaluated the impact of Decipher test use on first-line treatment decisions.

Oncotype




Two studies evaluated the effect of the Oncotype genomic classifier test on newly diagnosed patients with very low to intermediate risk disease based on the NCCN classification.^{18,24} First, a




prospective study²⁴ enrolled 158 newly diagnosed men from 3 clinical sites and collected urologist treatment recommendations before and after receiving of Oncotype test results. Overall, 26% of patients received a change of treatment recommendation after receipt of test results, with 16% of a lower intensity and 9% of a higher intensity, while 75% of treatment recommendations were unchanged. A second study with moderate ROB¹⁸ compared patient management strategies across 6 VA medical centers among a retrospective cohort of 200 patients treated prior to the introduction of Oncotype testing and a separate prospective cohort of 190 patients with similar prostate cancer who agreed to undergo genomic classification testing. Among patients who received Oncotype test results, 16% received any change in treatment recommendation, with 4% and 12% receiving a decreased and increased treatment intensity recommendation, respectively (Table 4).

Prolaris

Three studies reported on the impact of the Prolaris genomic classifier tests on overall treatment recommendations³³⁻³⁵: 2 prospectively evaluated provider recommendations before and after receipt of test results,^{34,35} and 1 compared cohorts of patients before and after the test became available as part of routine practice.³³ In a large, prospective registry (PROCEDE-1000)³⁵ of 1,206 patients with newly diagnosed prostate cancer whose providers ($N = 124$ from 21 states) completed 4 sequential questionnaires up to 6 months after ordering the test, nearly half of patients (95% CI [45.0, 50.6]) received a different treatment after Prolaris testing compared with the documented pre-test treatment recommendation. Of those who received a different treatment than initially recommended, 72.1% were a decrease in intensity versus 26.9% that increased. In addition, 17.6% of patients (213 of 1,206) experienced a change in treatment modality between non-interventional to interventional. The second prospective study³⁴ enrolled 305 patients at the time Prolaris was ordered on biopsy specimens and compared treatment recommendations at the time of test ordering to recommendations reported after test results were received. Overall, in a majority of cases providers reported a change in treatment recommendation from before to after receiving Prolaris test results (64.9%, 95% CI [59.4, 70.1%]), with 40% receiving a decreased treatment intensity recommendation and 24.9% an increased intensity recommendation. Finally, a retrospective study evaluated treatment recommendations for 150 men from a single urologic practice before and after the institutional availability of routine Prolaris testing.³³ Among men with Gleason 6 or 7 newly diagnosed prostate cancer, every unit increase in CCP score (Prolaris) had a greater odds of selecting definitive treatment than active surveillance (OR = 2.09, 95% CI [1.16, 3.94]); in comparison, each unit increase in CAPRA score had OR = 1.29, 95% CI [1.01, 1.66]).

Table 4. Impact on Overall Treatment Intensity by Genomic Classifier Test: Pre-definitive Treatment

Study Setting Total N Design	Population Clinical Characteristics	Any Change in Recommendations Pre- to Post-test				Other	Impact on Treatment Recommendation Change (OR, 95% CI)
<i>Decipher (No Studies)</i>							
<i>Oncotype</i>							
Lynch, 2018 ¹⁸ 6 VAMCs 190 tested patients Comparative cohort before-after test availability	Newly diagnosed NCCN very low, low, and intermediate risk Median GPS: 26.5 (range: 0 to 61)	16%	4%	84%	12%	—	—
Badani, 2015b ²⁴ 1 academic and 2 community-based urology practices 158 patients ^a Prospective pre-post treatment recommendation	Newly diagnosed NCCN very low, low, and intermediate risk Median GPS: 21 (IQR 13 to 32)	25%	15.8%	75.3%	8.8%	—	—
<i>Prolaris</i>							
Shore, 2016 ³⁵ 21 states 1206 patients 124 providers Prospective registry before/after test	Newly diagnosed Stage T1c: 72.1% Mean CCP: -0.7 (range -2.8 to 2.0)	47.8% (95% CI [45.0, 50.6])	Of those with change: 72.1%	—	Of those with change: 26.9%	—	OR = 1.027 change in treatment per 1 unit increase CCP score

Study Setting Total N Design	Population Clinical Characteristics	Any Change in Recommendations Pre- to Post-test				Other	Impact on Treatment Recommendation Change (OR, 95% CI)
Crawford, 2014 ³⁴ US-based practices 305 patients Prospective pre/post- test result	New diagnosis AUA risk: Low: 44.3% Inter: 42.9% High: 12.8% Median CCP: -0.71 (SD 0.83)	64.9% (95% CI [59.4%, 70.1%])	40%	35.1%	24.9%	—	—
Morris, 2021 ³³ 150 Retrospective comparative cohort before/after initiation testing protocol	New diagnosis Gleason on biopsy 6 or 7 Median CCP: -0.5 (IQR -0.9 to 0.0)	—	—	—	—	—	OR = 2.08 (1.16 to 3.94) per unit increase CCP score

Notes. ^a 175 enrolled, but 158 with evaluable data.
Abbreviations. CCP=cell cycle progression; IQR=interquartile range.

Post-prostatectomy

Decipher

Five studies (6 publications) were identified that addressed the impact of the Decipher genomic classifier test on treatment recommendations after prostatectomy (Table 5).^{26-30,36} Two prospective studies (3 publications) evaluated the impact of Decipher genomic classifier test results on treatment recommendations before and after receipt of test results among providers in the context of treating their own patients.^{26,27,36} Two articles^{27,36} published results on analyses from the moderate ROB PRO-IMPACT Trial. PRO-IMPACT was a prospective study across 19 sites that evaluated treatment recommendations at the time the Decipher test was ordered versus after the results were received and then again 12 months after enrollment.^{27,36} Among 242 patients eligible for either ART (non-organ-confined disease) or SRT (PSA ≥ 0.2 ng/ml post radical prostatectomy), treatment recommendations changed after Decipher testing for 17% and 30% of patients in the ART and SRT cohorts, respectively. Patients categorized as high risk had significantly greater odds of receiving ART at 12 months follow-up (OR = 2.99, 95% CI [1.3, 6.9]) and similarly higher odds of SRT (OR = 3.13, 95% CI [1.4, 7.1]) compared with patients categorized as not-high risk. Michalopoulos et al (PRO-ACT) similarly recruited 15 community-based urologists to provide treatment recommendations with and without Decipher results in the context of caring for patients after radical prostatectomy and who were eligible for adjuvant therapy.²⁶ In this serious ROB study, physician participants submitted a median of 6 patient tests. In approximately one-third of cases (30.8, 95% CI [23%, 39%]), urologists changed their treatment recommendation after Decipher test results were reviewed. This was also measured as the odds of a change in treatment recommendation with a Decipher test (OR = 4.04, 95% CI [2.36, 6.92]).

Three studies asked practicing radiation oncologists and/or urologists to provide treatment recommendations based on deidentified patient cases with and without GC test results.²⁸⁻³⁰ The ASSESS-D study recruited 51 urologists from the AUA directory and had them review treatment plans with and without Decipher test results for 110 case histories from patients post radical prostatectomy who had an undetectable PSA (10 per urologist).²⁹ Thirty-one percent of case reviews had a change in treatment recommendation after genomic classifier test results. Those with a high genomic classifier score (vs low) had a significantly higher odds of experiencing a change in treatment recommendation (OR = 8.57, 95% CI [5.27, 14.26]). Nguyen et al evaluated differences in the impact of a genomic classifier test on post-prostatectomy adjuvant treatment recommendations between urologists and radiation oncologists in a moderate ROB study.²⁸ Decipher test results led to a change in treatment recommendations 35% of the time for radiation oncologists and 45% for urologists. Patients with high-risk Decipher results cared for by radiation oncologists had a significantly higher odds of any change in treatment recommendation than unchanged recommendations before to after testing (OR = 4.17, 95% CI [2.26, 7.70]); in comparison, urologist recommendations for patients with high-risk Decipher results had an even higher odds of any change in treatment recommendation (OR = 6.51, 95% CI [4.29, 9.88]). Finally, in a study at high ROB, the DECIDE study group³⁰ asked 21 urologists to give treatment recommendations after reviewing pathology reports with and without genomic classifier test results from deidentified high-risk, post-radical prostatectomy (RP) cases. Twelve cases involved patients undergoing consideration for adjuvant treatment and 12 for salvage treatment (each case was reviewed by multiple physicians). Overall, 43% (95% CI [37%, 49%]) of ART case reviews experienced a change in treatment recommendation, with the Decipher test results with 27%

(95% CI [19%, 35%]) having a decrease and 37% (95% CI [28%, 46%]) experiencing an increase in treatment intensification. Among SRT case reviews, 53% experienced changes in recommendations (95% CI [45%, 60%]) with 16% (95% CI [11%, 23%]) decreasing intensity and 61% increasing treatment intensity (95% CI [42%, 78%]).

Oncotype

No studies evaluated the impact of Oncotype test use on post-prostatectomy treatment decisions.

Prolaris

No studies evaluated the impact of Prolaris test use on post-prostatectomy treatment decisions.

Table 5. Impact on Overall Treatment Intensity by Genomic Classifier Test: Post-prostatectomy

Study Total N Design	Patient Characteristics	Impact on Treatment Decision	Other Outcomes
<i>Decipher</i>			
Gore, 2017 ³⁶ PRO-IMPACT study (X results) 19 sites 265 patients Prospective before-after test (own patients)	Post radical prostatectomy; non-organ confined prostate cancer or positive surgical margins (ART); or PSA increase or BCR ^a (SRT) Median GC score: ART group: 6.2% (IQR 0.5 to 44.2) SRT group: 6.5% (IQR 0.5 to 62.8)	Overall changes in treatment decisions after test results: ART: 27/150; 18% (95% CI [12%, 25%]) SRT: 37/115; 32% (95% CI [24%, 42%])	Odds decision to pursue ART/SRT after test results per 5% increase in GC score: ART: OR = 1.48 (95% CI [1.19, 1.85]; p < 0.001) SRT: OR = 1.30 (98% CI [1.03, 1.65]; p = 0.03)
Gore, 2020 ²⁷ PRO-IMPACT study 12-month follow up 19 sites 246 patients Prospective before-after test (own patients)	Post radical prostatectomy; non-organ confined prostate cancer or positive surgical margins (ART); or PSA increase or BCR ^a (SRT) Median GC score: ART group: 6.2% (IQR 0.5 to 44.2) SRT group: 6.5% (IQR 0.5 to 62.8)	Change from recommended pre-test to treatment administered at 12 months: ART: 31/140; 22% (95% CI [16%, 30%]) SRT: 25/106; 24% (95% CI [16%, 33%])	ART Treatment decision change with GC score high vs not-high risk: OR = 9.75 (95% CI [3.3, 28.0]; p < 0.001) Before test to 12 months follow-up (treatment received): OR = 2.99 (95% CI [1.3, 6.9]; p = 0.01) SRT; treatment decision change with GC score high vs not-high risk: OR = 8.02 (95% CI [2.9, 22]; p < 0.001) Before test to 12 months follow up (treatment received) OR = 3.13 (95% CI [1.4, 7.1]; p = 0.006)
Michalopoulos, 2014 ²⁶ 2014 PRO-ACT study	Post radical prostatectomy with T3 disease or positive SM	Change from treatment recommended before to after GC results:	Influence on treatment decision-making per 5 unit increase in GC score:

Study	Total N	Patient Characteristics	Impact on Treatment Decision	Other Outcomes
15 urologists 146 patients Prospective before-after test (own patients)	Median GC 4.2% (range 1.3% to 41.5%)	30.8% (95% CI [23%, 89%]) Any treatment to observation: 42.5% (95% CI [27%, 59%]) Observation to any treatment: 17.6% (11% to 26%)	OR = 4.04 (95% CI [2.36, 6.92]; p < 0.0001)	
Badani, 2015a ²⁹ 110 cases 51 urologists Deidentified case history review with and without test	Post radical prostatectomy with undetectable PSA Median GC 3.85 (min, max: 1.2, 33.4) % reclassified: NR	Change from treatment recommended before to after GC results: 31% (95% CI [27%, 35%]) Change from any treatment to observation: 38% (95% CI [32%, 45%]) Change from observation to any treatment: 16% (95% CI [12%, 20%])	Impact on treatment decision-making MVA with GC score low vs high: OR = 8.57 (95% CI [5.27, 14.26]; p < 0.001)	
Badani, 2013 ³⁰ 12 patient cases (ART) 12 patient cases (SRT) 21 urologists from 18 sites Deidentified case history review with and without test	Post radical prostatectomy with adverse pathology Median GC: NR	Change from treatment recommended before to after GC results: ART: 43% (95% CI [37%, 49%]) SRT: 53% (95% CI [45%, 60%])	Change from treatment to observation (decrease): ART: 27% (95% CI [19%, 35%]) SRT: 16% (95% CI [11%, 23%]) Change from observation to treatment (increase): ART: 37% (95% CI [28%, 46%]) SRT: 61% (95% CI [42%, 78%])	
Nguyen, 2015 ²⁸ 11 patient cases 26 radiation oncologists	Post prostatectomy	Change from treatment recommended before to after GC results: Radiation oncologists: 35%	Impact on treatment recommendations MVA with GC high vs not high): Radiation oncologists OR = 4.17; (95% CI [2.26, 7.70])	



Study	Total N	Patient Characteristics	Impact on Treatment Decision	Other Outcomes
Design	20 urologists Deidentified case history review with and without test	D'Amico risk (n): 2 – Low 4 – Intermediate 5 – High Median GC: NR	Urologists: 45%	Urologists: OR = 6.51; (95% CI [4.29, 9.88])
<i>Oncotype (No Studies)</i>				
<i>Prolaris (No Studies)</i>				

Notes. ^a BCR defined as PSA ≥0.2 ng/ml with a confirmatory reading.

Abbreviations. ART=adjuvant radiotherapy; GC=genomic classifier; MVA=Multivariate Analysis; OR=odds ratio; SRT=salvage radiotherapy.

Specific Treatment Choice

Pre-definitive Treatment

Decipher

No studies evaluated the impact of Decipher test results on specific treatment choice among patients prior to first-line definitive treatment.

Oncotype

We identified 6 studies (total 10,338 patients), including 1 randomized trial,²³ 1 prospective before-and-after receipt of test study,²⁴ and 4 retrospective or combination retrospective/prospective comparative cohort studies (Table 6).^{18,20,31,32} All studies examined the occurrence of active surveillance among men with newly diagnosed prostate cancer who had intermediate or low-risk disease. In all the observational studies, rates of active surveillance were higher among those patients who had received oncotype test results; however, in the 1 trial, the rate of active surveillance was lower in the study arm that received the oncotype test results.

The only randomized trial (Engaging Newly Diagnosed Men about Cancer treatment options, ENACT)²³ evaluated the impact of receiving genomic testing on treatment decisions; specifically, 200 patients across 3 institutions (including 1 VA) with newly diagnosed NCCN very low- to intermediate-risk prostate cancer were randomized to receive standard counseling with or without the results of Oncotype genomic testing and were then evaluated the effect on uptake of AS. Eighty-eight percent of patients in the arm without the Oncotype test were recommended to receive active surveillance at the second treatment visits compared to 77% in the arm that did receive the Oncotype test. Overall, the intention-to-treat analysis of the initial choice of treatment (AS, surgery or radiation, undecided) found no significant difference between groups ($p = 0.067$), though there was a lower odds of AS use with testing though likely underpowered (OR = 0.49; 95% CI [0.22, 1.09]). Of note, 38 (43%) participants who underwent Oncotype testing were moved to a higher-risk group and 15 (17%) were moved to a lower-risk group.

One Oncotype-based prospective study enrolled 158 newly diagnosed men from 3 clinical sites with NCCN very low-, low-, or low-intermediate-risk prostate cancer and collected urologist treatment recommendations before and after receiving test results.²⁴ They reported a 24% relative increase in AS recommendations after review of test results from 41% to 51%. Twenty-four of 38 patients with risk reclassification with Oncotype result had a change in treatment recommendation, all concordant with Oncotype test results. Another observational study reported a pre-specified interim analysis comparing treatment recommendation patterns before (retrospective by chart review) and after the introduction of genomic classifier testing (prospective) with Oncotype at multiple U.S. community-based urology practices.²⁰ Across all risk categories, more patients were managed with AS in the tested group (74%) versus the untested group (62%), while persistence of AS at 1 year was 55% among those who were tested versus 34% who had not undergone testing (relative difference = 62%). A large retrospective cohort study used the Optum research database to identify 8920 men with low-risk cancer and reviewed their electronic medical records and administrative claims data from 2013 to 2016.³¹ They considered the role of Oncotype testing and/or MRI imaging (for our purposes, we only considered those who had undergone Oncotype testing [$N = 300$] versus those who had neither testing nor MRI [$N = 7446$]). Of those who had undergone testing with Oncotype at 6 months,

89% had no observed therapy (labeled as AS) versus 84% at 12 months; in comparison, at 6 months those without testing or MRI only 60% had no observed therapy versus 56% at 12 months. Overall, patients who had Oncotype testing had a 31.2% higher occurrence of no observed therapy than those without (95% CI [22.6, 39.7]). A VA-based study compared retrospective data on patient management strategies among 200 patients from 6 medical centers treated prior to the introduction of Oncotype testing to a prospective cohort of 190 patients who agreed to undergo genomic classification testing.¹⁸ Sixty-two percent of untested patients and 74% of tested patients were on active surveillance at 6 months (12% absolute difference; 19% relative difference). Of note, 26 of patients who received Oncotype testing had known Agent Orange exposure. Finally, a retrospective cohort study in which 15 urologists who had ordered at least 4 Oncotype tests provided data on 87 patients previously treated without genomic testing and 124 patients with Oncotype testing, all of whom had either Gleason score 3+3 or low volume 3+4 disease.³² They reported an absolute increase of 11% in the use of AS with patients who received Oncotype testing versus those who did not (61 vs 50%; $p=0.110$) and a similar difference in AS received (67% vs 43%).

Prolaris

No tests evaluated the impact of Prolaris test results on specific treatment choice among patients prior to first-line definitive treatment.

Table 6. Impact on Active Surveillance Use by Genomic Classifier Test

Study Total N Design	Patient Characteristics	Active Surveillance: Without Test	Active Surveillance: With Test	Other Outcomes
<i>Decipher (No Studies)</i>				
<i>Oncotype</i>				
Murphy, 2021 ²³ ENACT study 191 patients Randomized trial	Newly diagnosed NCCN favorable intermediate or below Median GPS score: NR	At 2 nd treatment visit: 88%	At 2 nd treatment visit: 77%	Odds of choosing AS with test vs without: OR = 0.49 (95% CI [0.22, 1.09])
Badani, 2015 ²⁴ 158 patients 3 clinical sites Prospective before- after test (own patients)	Newly diagnosed NCCN low-intermediate or lower Median GPS: 21 (IQR range: 13, 32) 38 patients (24%) with risk reclassification post- GPS	At time test ordered: 41%	After receipt of test results: 51%	—
Eure, 2017 ²⁰ 247 (before) 258 (after) Comparative cohort before (retrospective) and after (prospective) institutional testing	Newly diagnosed NCCN intermediate or lower Median GPS: NR 23% pts had risk reclassification	40%	62%	AS persistence at 1 year: With GPS test: 89% Without GPS test: 86%
Lynch, 2018 ¹⁸ 200 (2013-2014) 190 (2015-2016) 6 VA HCS Retrospective cohorts before and after institutional testing	Newly diagnosed NCCN intermediate risk or lower Median GPS (tested): 26.5 (range 0-61)	At 6 months: 62%	At 6 months: 74%	—

Study Total N Design	Patient Characteristics	Active Surveillance: Without Test	Active Surveillance: With Test	Other Outcomes
	Risk reclassification: Lower: 12% Higher: 7%			
Canfield, 2017 ³¹ 300 GPS only 7446 no GPS/MRI Retrospective, comparative cohort before-after testing availability	Newly diagnosed AUA low risk Median GPS: NR Reclassification: NR	No observed therapy At 6 months: 60% At 12 months: 56%	No observed therapy At 6 months: 89% At 12 months: 84%	At 6 months – 31% higher use of no observed therapy among tested than non-tested (22.6, 39.7; p<0.001)
Dall’Era, 2015 ³² 87 without testing 124 with testing 15 urologists Retrospective	Newly diagnosed NCCN Intermediate risk or lower Median GPS: NR % reclassification: NR	Recommended ^a : 30/60 = 50% Received: 43%	Recommended: 69/114 = 61% Received: 67%	Absolute increase in recommended AS: 11% Relative increase in AS recommendation: 22% Absolute increase in AS received: 14% Relative increase in AS received: 56%
<i>Prolaris (No Studies)</i>				

Notes. ^a Active surveillance (AS) defined as “active surveillance” or “watchful waiting” as noted in patient’s medical record.



Post-radical Prostatectomy*Decipher*

Two studies (3 publications) evaluated the impact of Decipher test results on specific treatment recommendations (Table 7).^{27,29,36} As noted above, Gore et al published 2 studies from 1 trial that enrolled patients who were eligible for both ART and SRT.^{27,36} They found that 88.7% of the ART patients were recommended to have observation before Decipher test results compared to 79% after and from 60% to 51% SRT patients recommended for observation with Decipher test results. The second study found the same percentage receiving a recommendation for observation before to after test results were received, although, as noted above, an overall change in treatment recommendations of 30.8%.²⁹ Of note, 42.5% who were initially recommended to receive ART were changed to observation.

Table 7. Impact on Observation After Prostatectomy by Genomic Classifier Test

Study	Clinical Characteristics	Before Test Results	After Test Results
<i>Decipher</i>			
Gore, 2017 ³⁶ PRO-IMPACT 19 sites 265 patients Prospective before- after test (own patients)	Post radical prostatectomy; non-organ confined prostate cancer or positive surgical margins (ART); or PSA increase or BCR ^a (SRT) Median GC score: ART group: 6.2% (IQR 0.5 to 44.2) SRT group: 6.5% (IQR 0.5 to 62.8)	Percentage observation: ART: 88.7% SRT: 58.3%	Percentage observation ART: 79% SRT: 51%
Michalopoulos, 2014 ²⁶ PRO-ACT study 15 urologists 146 patients Prospective before- after test (own patients)	Post radical prostatectomy with T3 disease or positive SM Median GC 4.2% (Range 1.3% to 41.5%)	ART: 27.4% Observation: 69.9% Other: 2.7%	ART: 27.4% ^a Observation: 71%
<i>Oncotype (No Studies)</i>			
<i>Prolaris (No Studies)</i>			

Notes. ^a As noted above, treatment recommendations were revised for 30.8% of patients.

Abbreviations. ART=adjuvant radiotherapy; BCR=biochemical recurrence; GC=genomic classifier; IQR=interquartile range; PSA=prostate-specific antigen; SRT=salvage radiotherapy.

Harms

None of the included studies reported on outcomes related to patient harm due to genomic classifier testing. Despite this, acute harms due to the test itself would be expected to be minimal,

if any, due to the genomic classifier being run on available tissue specimens. Long-term harms, namely inferior clinical outcomes, due to modified treatment in the absence of the proven predictive ability of the genomic classifier could be present though were not addressed.

Subgroups

We examined subgroup analyses of *a priori* prioritized characteristics, specifically race and clinical risk categorization.

Race

Two studies reported the impact of genomic classifier tests (both used Oncotype) on treatment recommendations by race.^{18,23} The ENACT trial²³ recruited 191 participants, the majority of whom were from historically underrepresented racial/ethnic populations, with 70% Black, 12.5% Hispanic or Latino, 1% Asian, and the remaining White. Genomic testing was hypothesized to increase adoption of AS including among Black men, but the study found comparable rates of AS adoption regardless of race (Hispanic, Latino, and Asian patients were pooled due to low sample sizes). Odds ratios for each group suggest that genomic testing increased the odds of undergoing AS, but ratios in all groups were nonsignificant. Lack of significance may be attributable to the small sample size of race/ethnicity subgroups, which likely limited statistical power. The second study¹⁸ considered the impact of Oncotype testing on selection of AS across groups of White, Black, and “other” Veterans. Black Veterans who underwent Oncotype testing had a higher percentage selecting AS (80%) compared to untested Black Veterans (66%). A similar pattern was noted among White Veterans, with an absolute increase of 11% selecting AS after testing, and 20% absolute increase among Veterans identified as “other” race after testing. There was a significance difference with p -value < 0.01 across all 3 categories.

Risk

The impact of genomic classifier test results on treatment recommendations in patients with different risk classifications was explored in the identified studies in 2 ways: among studies that evaluated the effect of receipt of test results by the risk estimate from the test itself and by baseline clinical risk classification (eg, NCCN risk categorization).

Effect of Tests on Treatment Recommendations at First-line Treatment Decision

Among the studies evaluating the effect of tests on treatment recommendations at the time of first-line treatment choice, 4 Oncotype-based studies^{18,20,23,24} and 1 Prolaris-based study³⁴ reported on effect stratified by baseline clinical risk classification. The randomized trial by Murphy et al found no statistically significant association between baseline risk classification of NCCN low or low intermediate and choice of active surveillance as initial treatment.²³ Across the other observational studies, there was no clear pattern of which baseline clinical risk population more often was described to have a change in treatment plan (Table 8).

Table 8. Test Effect on First-line Treatment Decisions by Baseline Clinical Risk Determination

Study Total N Design	Clinical Characteristics	Outcomes
<i>Decipher (No Studies)</i>		
<i>Oncotype</i>		
Murphy, 2021 ²³ ENACT study 191 patients Randomized trial	Newly diagnosed NCCN favorable intermediate or below Median GPS score: NR	Association intervention arm (test vs no-test) with treatment choice of active surveillance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low: OR = 0.28 (0.05 to 1.50) Low intermediate: OR for active surveillance = 0.32 (0.10 to 1.08)
Lynch, 2018 ¹⁸ 200 (2013-2014) 190 (2015-2016) 6 VA health care systems Retrospective cohorts before-after institutional testing	Newly diagnosed NCCN intermediate risk or lower Median GPS (tested): 26.5 (range 0–61) Risk reclassification: Lower :12% Higher: 7%	Treatment recommendation changes most common among NCCN <i>intermediate</i> risk patients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% decreased intensity 22% increased intensity <p>No statistically significant different in use of active surveillance across NCCN risk groups between tested and untested cohorts (p = 0.20)</p>
Eure, 2017 ²⁰ 247 (before) 258 (after) Comparative cohort before (retrospective) and after (prospective) institutional testing	Newly diagnosed NCCN intermediate or lower Median GPS: NR 23% pts had risk reclassification	Overall change in management plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCCN very low: 16% NCCN low: 28% NCCN intermediate: 23% <p>Choice of active surveillance management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCCN very low: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untested: 57% Tested: 88% NCCN low: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untested: 43% Tested 74% NCCN intermediate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untested: 19% Tested: 23% <p>Changes were “directionally consistent with GPS predicted risk”</p>
Badani, 2015 ²⁴ 158 pts 3 clinical sites Prospective before-after test (own patients)	Newly diagnosed NCCN low-intermediate or lower Median GPS: 21 (IQR range: 13, 32)	Decrease in treatment intensity by NCCN risk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very low: 1/35 (2.8%) Low: 21/71 (29.6%) Low intermediate: 3/52 (5.8%) <p>Increase in treatment intensity by NCCN risk:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very low: 3/35 (8.6%)

Study Total N Design	Clinical Characteristics	Outcomes
	38 pts (24%) with risk reclassification post-GPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low: 5/71 (7.0%) • Low intermediate: 6/52 (11.5%)
<i>Prolaris</i>		
Crawford, 2014 ³⁴ 305 patients Prospective pre/post-test result	New diagnosis AUA risk Low: 44.3% Intermediate: 42.9% High: 12.8% Median CCP: -0.71 +/-0.83	Overall change in treatment recommendations by AUA risk level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low: 31.8% 24.4% interventional to non-interventional 7.4% non-interventional to interventional • Intermediate: 29% 16.% intervention to non-interventional 12.2% non-interventional to interventional • High: 33.3% 15.4% interventional to non-interventional 17.9% non-interventional to interventional

Abbreviations. AUA=American Urological Association; CCP=cell cycle progression; GPS=genomic prostate score.

Test Effect on Treatment Recommendations after Radical Prostatectomy by Test Risk Prediction

Decipher

Five studies (6 articles) reported changes to treatment recommendations for patients at the time of radical prostatectomy by test-based risk assessment, all of which were Decipher-based studies (Table 9).^{26,27,29,30,36,37} Overall, patients with genomic classifier or Decipher test results indicating higher risk received lower rates of recommendation for observation post-prostatectomy.

Table 9. Test Effect on Treatment Recommendations After Radical Prostatectomy by Test Risk Prediction

Study Total N Design	Clinical Characteristics	Observation Treatment Recommendation Pre-test	Genomic Classifier Risk Stratification		
			Low	Intermediate	High
<i>Decipher</i>					
Gore, 2017 ³⁶ PRO-IMPACT study 19 sites 265 patients Prospective before- after test (own patients)	Post radical prostatectomy; non- organ confined prostate cancer or positive surgical margins (ART); or PSA increase or BCR ^a (SRT) Median GC score: ART: 6.2% (IQR 0.5 to 44.2) SRT: 6.5% (IQR 0.5 to 62.8)	ART Observation recommended: 88%	<u>ART</u> Observation recommended after test results: 60/63 = 95% After 12 months:48/140 = 76%	<u>ART</u> Observation recommended after test results: 24/33 = 73% After 12 months: 23/33 = 70%	<u>ART</u> Observation recommended after test results: 27/44 = 61% After 12 months: 27/44 = 61%
		SRT Observation recommended: 60%	<u>SRT</u> Observation recommended post test: 24/34 = 71% After 12 months: 16/34 = 47%	<u>SRT</u> Observation recommended after test results: 13/44 = 30% After 12 months: 12/44 = 27%	<u>SRT</u> Observation recommended after test results: 13/44 = 30% After 12 months: 12/44 = 27%
Badani, 2015 ²⁹ 110 cases 51 urologists Deidentified case history review with and without test	Post radical prostatectomy with undetectable PSA	Observation recommended: 57%	Low Observation: 80.7%	High Observation: 34.6%	
	Median GC 3.85 (min, max: 1.2, 33.4) % reclassified: NR				
Badani, 2013 ³⁰ 12 patient cases (ART) 12 patient cases (SRT) 21 urologists from 18 sites	Post radical prostatectomy with adverse pathology	Observation: 47.5%	Observation: 79%	Observation: 8%	
	Median GC: NR				



Study Total N Design	Clinical Characteristics	Observation Treatment Recommendation Pre-test	Genomic Classifier Risk Stratification	
Deidentified case history review with and without test				
Michalopoulos, 2014 ²⁶ PRO-ACT 15 urologists 146 patients Prospective before-after test (own patients)	Post radical prostatectomy with T3 disease or positive SM Median GC: 4.2% (Range: 1.3 to 41.5%)		Low • Decrease: 15 (17.1%) • No change: 72 (81.8%) • Increase: 1 (1.1%)	High^b • Decrease: 4 (7.6%) • No change: 28 (52.8%) • Increase: 21 (39.6%)
Shahait, 2021 ³⁷ 398 2 prospective cohorts	Post radical prostatectomy with adverse pathology Median GC: 0.593%	NR	HR = 4.28 (2.81 to 6.50) higher chance of receiving secondary therapy with high GC vs low/intermediate GC	
<i>Oncotype (No Studies)</i>				
<i>Prolaris (No Studies)</i>				

Notes. ^a High/low determination based on Decipher predicted risk relative to average risk for original study population; ^b Receipt of treatment recommendations higher among patients with high-risk Decipher scores vs low risk (p<0.001).
 Abbreviations. ART=adjuvant radiotherapy; BCR=biochemical recurrence; GC=genomic classifier; HR=hazard ratio; IQR=interquartile range; PSA=prostate-specific antigen; SRT=salvage radiotherapy.



KEY QUESTION 3: AMONG PATIENTS WITH LOCALIZED PROSTATE CANCER, WHAT IS THE PROGNOSTIC EFFECT OF TISSUE-BASED GENOMIC TESTS AFTER ADJUSTING FOR EXISTING PROGNOSTIC CLINICAL FEATURES ON KEY CLINICAL OUTCOMES (eg, BIOCHEMICAL RECURRENCE-FREE SURVIVAL, METASTASES-FREE SURVIVAL) FOLLOWING DEFINITIVE TREATMENT?

Key Points

- While 39 studies addressed the prognostic ability of genomic classifiers, the clinical classification schemes they were compared to and outcomes assessed varied greatly.
- Only 2 of the 39 studies included prospectively collected cohorts, and only 9 of the 39 studies included patients treated with definitive radiation.
- Patients in these studies were diagnosed from the 1980s to the mid-2010s, a long period that saw many advancements in the diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up of patients with prostate cancer. Despite this, genomic classifiers show a consistent albeit modest improvement in prognosis when compared to clinical models.
- For biochemical recurrence, the Decipher summary hazard ratio (HR) was 1.20 (95% CI [1.00, 1.43]), the Oncotype HRs ranged from 1.10 to 2.73, and the Prolaris summary hazard ratio for BCR was 1.44 (95% CI [1.28, 1.62]).
- For development of metastases, the HR ranged from 1.17 to 2.05 for Decipher, 2.24 to 2.34 for Oncotype, and 2.03 to 4.19 for Prolaris.
- For prostate-cancer-specific mortality, the HRs for Decipher ranged from 1.39 to 1.81, the range for Oncotype was 2.30 to 2.69, and the summary HR for Prolaris was 1.722 (95% CI [1.58, 1.87]).

Thirty-nine studies, including more than 10,000 patients addressed the utility of adding or incorporating genomic classifiers into clinical risk-classification schemes to enhance prognostic accuracy across multiple disease outcomes.^{4,6,19,21,22,37-71} Across studies, there was substantial variability in the clinical risk-classification models, outcome of interest, and statistical measure used to assess the impact of the genomic classifier. Seven studies compared the prognostic ability of the genomic classifier to NCCN risk classification, 22 to CAPRA or CAPRA-S, 1 to AUA, and 24 to a combination of clinical features unique to the study, with a plurality of studies reporting multiple comparisons across clinical risk-classification schemes. Sixteen studies investigated biochemical recurrence, 20 the rate of metastases, and 10 prostate-cancer-specific mortality, all of which were retrospective in design. Five studies included composite endpoints, of which 2 were prospective and the remaining 3 retrospective. Twenty-two studies employed Decipher, 5 Oncotype, and 14 Prolaris, with 1 study investigating all 3 genomic classifiers; however, in the study that included all 3 tests, tissue sample processing and analysis was performed by the institution at which the patients were treated as opposed to the company that developed the test.⁴⁰ Twenty-four studies ran the genomic classifier on prostatectomy tissue,^{4,22,37,39-46,51,52,54,57,59-61,63,64,66,68,71} 20 on biopsy tissue,^{6,19,21,22,38,42,43,46-50,53,55,58,62,65,67,69,71} and 5 on a combination of the two.^{22,42,43,46,71} At least 26 studies included patients diagnosed prior to 2000,^{4,6,19,22,39-41,43,44,46,52-57,59,61-65,67-69,71} and at least 9 included patients diagnosed prior

to 1990.^{4,6,22,39,44,54,55,64,69} One study did not report the timeframe from which the patients were drawn, while another described patients as diagnosed prior to 2017.^{42,50} The majority of studies, 34, included patients who underwent prostatectomy as their initial treatment. Nine studies included patients who were treated with definitive radiation with only 3 studies including patients that solely received definitive radiation.^{19,38,43,46,48,49,55,58,67} Two studies did not report the treatments received.^{62,69}

Common risks of bias among included studies for this KQ include exclusion of potentially eligible participants due to insufficient tissue sample or tissue quality to run the genomic classifier test, exclusion of patients lost to follow-up or who might have had adverse outcomes in other health systems, inadequate adjusting for confounders in analysis, limited duration of follow-up, and lack of details about missing data. Less common was having the genomic classifier test run by a lab other than the commercial lab for the specific test type. Eighteen studies were found to have low ROB,^{4,6,38,39,41,43,44,46,48,50,53,60,62-66,68} 11 moderate ROB,^{22,37,47,52,54,57-59,61,67,69} and 10 high ROB^{19,21,40,42,45,49,51,56,71} (Figure 6). Of note, 17 studies appear to have been sponsored or co-authored by the commercial companies with rights to the genomic classifier tests under study.

Figure 6. Risk of Bias Assessment for Prognostic Studies

Study	Risk of bias domains						Overall
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	
Berlin, 2019	-	-	+	-	+	+	⊗
Bishoff, 2014	-	+	-	-	+	+	⊗
Brooks, 2021	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Canter, 2019	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Canter, 2020	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cooperberg, 2013	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cooperberg, 2015	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cullen, 2015	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cuzick, 2011	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cuzick, 2012	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Cuzick, 2015	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Dalela, 2017	-	+	-	+	+	+	-
Den, 2015	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Erho, 2013	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Feng, 2021	+	-	+	+	+	+	+
Freedland, 2013	-	+	+	+	-	+	-
Glass, 2016	+	+	-	+	+	+	+
Howard, 2020	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Karnes, 2018	-	+	-	+	+	+	-
Klein, 2015	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Klein, 2016	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
Kornberg, 2019	+	-	-	+	+	+	-
Leapman, 2018	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lehto, 2021	+	+	⊗	+	+	+	⊗
Leon, 2018	⊗	+	+	+	+	+	⊗
Nguyen, 2017a	⊗	+	+	+	+	+	⊗
Nguyen, 2017b	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
Oderda, 2017	-	-	-	+	⊗	+	⊗
Ramotar, 2022	⊗	-	+	+	-	+	⊗
Ross, 2016a	-	+	-	+	+	+	-
Ross, 2016b	-	+	-	+	+	+	-
Shahait, 2021	-	-	+	+	+	+	-
Shannguan, 2020	-	-	-	+	+	+	⊗
Spratt, 2018a	-	+	-	+	+	+	-
Spratt, 2018b	-	-	+	+	-	+	⊗
Tosoian, 2017	⊗	+	-	-	+	+	⊗
Tosoian, 2020	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Van Den Eeden, 2018	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vince, 2021	+	-	+	+	+	+	+

Domains:
D1: Bias due to participation.
D2: Bias due to attrition.
D3: Bias due to prognostic factor measurement.
D4: Bias due to outcome measurement.
D5: Bias due to confounding.
D6: Bias in statistical analysis and reporting.

Judgement
⊗ High
- Moderate
+ Low

Next, we discuss KQ3 results by outcome and genomic classifier studied.

Biochemical Recurrence

Decipher

Four studies evaluated the additional benefit of the Decipher score in predicting biochemical recurrence (BCR).^{42,49,58,60} All 4 were retrospective, 1 had low ROB,⁶⁰ 1 moderate ROB,⁵⁸ and 2 high ROB.^{42,49} For Decipher, the summary estimate HR for BCR across 3 studies ($N = 445$) was 1.20 (95% CI [1.00, 1.43]; 95% prediction interval [PI] [1.00, 1.43]) (Figure 7), indicating a 20% increase in the risk of BCR with a higher Decipher score when clinical classification schemes are also considered. Two studies evaluated patients undergoing radiation and 2 evaluated patients post-prostatectomy.

A low ROB study evaluated 224 men with high-risk pathologic features after prostatectomy.⁶⁰ In a model that included age and CAPRA-S scores, 0.1 unit increases in the Decipher score correlated with a significantly increased risk of BCR with a HR of 1.17 (95% CI [1.04, 1.33]) (Table 10).⁶⁰ However, in the same model, 1 unit increases in the CAPRA-S scores predicted a similar increase in risk of BCR with a HR of 1.14 (95% CI [1.01, 1.29]).⁶⁰ The AUC remained in the range generally considered to be poor with a non-significant increase in the AUC from 0.64 (0.56 to 0.63) to 0.69 (0.61 to 0.76) after the addition of the Decipher score to the CAPRA-S score for discrimination of BCR at 10 years (Figure 8).⁶⁰

In a moderate ROB study of 100 men with either intermediate- or high-risk prostate cancer, there was no evidence of an improvement in prognostic ability per 0.1 increase in Decipher score in either a model with NCCN (HR = 1.16, 95% CI [0.96, 1.141]) or CAPRA (HR = 1.08, 95% CI [0.89, 1.32]) classification schemes.⁵⁸

In a high ROB retrospective study of 121 men with intermediate-risk prostate cancer who underwent dose-escalated radiation therapy alone without ADT,⁴⁹ Decipher score as a continuous variable was significantly associated with an increased risk of BCR (HR = 1.36, 95% CI [1.09, 1.71]) while unfavorable versus favorable intermediate risk classification was not. Additionally, even though Decipher's AUC for BCR at 5 years (0.78; 95% CI [0.59, 0.91]) was not significantly different from the NCCN classification (0.56; 95% CI [0.43, 0.66]), a combined NCCN and Decipher model improved the AUC for BCR to 0.85 (95% CI [0.73, 1.00]). Concerns for potential ROB came from a lack of clarity of participation by a potentially eligible pool of patients and a lack of information about missing data.

The other high ROB study evaluated the prognostic ability of the Decipher score in 81 patients who underwent prostatectomy and post-operative radiation.⁴² In a model with multiple pathologic features and the Decipher score as a categorical value, only receipt of salvage versus adjuvant therapy and the Decipher score were significantly associated with risk of BCR. Compared to a high Decipher score, low (HR = 0.32; 95% CI [0.13, 0.75]) and intermediate (HR = 0.4; 95% CI [0.18, 0.89]) Decipher scores were associated with a lower risk of BCR. This study also reported an acceptable AUC of 0.742 (95% CI [0.643, 0.84]) for a model with pathologic features and the Decipher score; however, it is unclear how much Decipher added value here as neither an AUC for pathologic features nor Decipher score alone was provided. ROB assessment for this study was primarily driven by a lack of information around the source

populations for the cohorts, the recruitment time period, or how many samples were excluded due to insufficient or inadequate tissue.

Oncotype

Three retrospective studies, including 2 low ROB studies and 1 moderate ROB study, evaluated the prognostic ability of the Oncotype score for BCR. All studies used biopsy tissue from patients who underwent prostatectomy.^{47,53,65} The study-specific HRs ranged from 1.10 (95% CI [1.10, 1.21]) to 2.7 (95% CI [1.84, 3.96]). These 3 studies were not combined in a meta-analysis due to underlying conceptual heterogeneity.

In a cohort of 402 men, a model accounting for NCCN risk classification showed an increase in BCR risk for every increase in 20 units of the Oncotype score with an HR of 2.73 (95% CI [1.84, 3.96]).⁶⁵ In this model, NCCN risk grouping was not a significant predictor of BCR.

In a retrospective study of 257 men treated from 1995 to 2010, the Oncotype score per 20 units had significant increased risk in BCR with HRs of 2.11, 2.41, and 2.30 in models containing NCCN, AUA, or CAPRA classification schemes, respectively.⁵³ NCCN and CAPRA remained significant in their respective models, while AUA did not. There was a corresponding increase in the AUC for BCR from NCCN alone to NCCN with Oncotype (0.59 to 0.68); however, it remained below generally acceptable levels of discrimination and confidence intervals were not presented to assess significance.

Finally, in a retrospective of 215 men who underwent prostatectomy following a course of active surveillance, Oncotype was associated with an increased risk of BCR per 5 unit increase in a model that included the CAPRA score (HR = 1.10; 95% CI [1.00, 1.21]).⁴⁷ This study was found to be at moderate risk of bias due to concerns related to study attrition and specificity of prognostic factor measurement.

Prolaris

Nine retrospective studies (3 low ROB, 1 moderate ROB, and 5 high ROB) evaluated the ability of the Prolaris or cell cycle progression score (CCP) to predict BCR. The summary effect estimate across these studies showed an increased risk of BCR with increasing Prolaris score with an HR of 1.44 (95% CI [1.28, 1.62]; 95% PI [1.28, 1.62]). Eight studies were performed in patients who underwent prostatectomy,^{4,21,45,50,51,56,68,71} and 1 study in patients who underwent definitive radiation,⁶⁷ with biopsy and prostatectomy tissue each analyzed in 5 of the 9 studies.

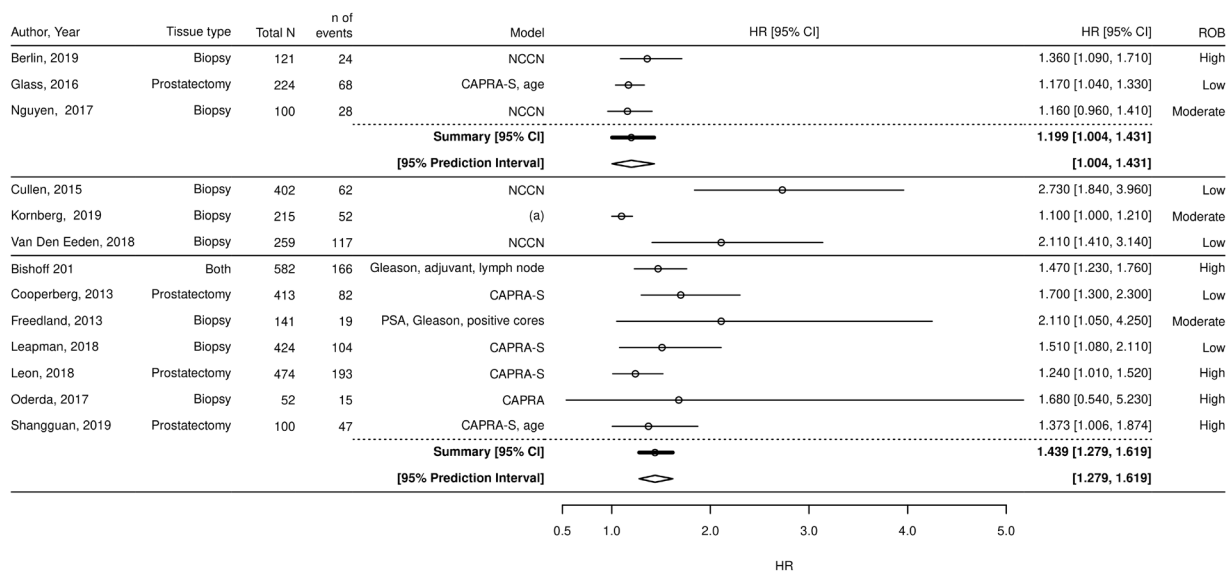
One low ROB study evaluated BCR post-prostatectomy among 246 men and found an HR of 1.7 (95% CI [1.3, 2.3]) for CCP as a continuous variable in a model with CAPRA-S. In this study, CCP as a categorical variable from 0 to 1 (HR = 5.2, 95% CI [1.2, 21.7]) or greater than 1 (HR = 9.5, 95% CI [2.0, 45.2]) were significant; however, CCP as a categorical variable from -1 to 0 was not (HR = 3.4, 95% CI [0.8, 14.1]) in a model incorporating the CAPRA-S score.⁶⁸ The Prolaris score was also predictive of BCR in another low ROB study of 424 men who underwent prostatectomy prior to 2017.⁵⁰ When incorporating CAPRA-S, CCP had an HR of 1.51 (95% CI [1.08, 2.11]) for BCR.⁵⁰ This corresponded with an acceptable AUC for the CCP and CAPRA-S of 0.72 (95% CI was not reported nor was AUC for CCP or CAPRA-S alone). The third low ROB study demonstrated an HR of 1.74 (95% CI [1.39, 2.17]) for the CCP per unit increase in a

cohort of 336 men who underwent prostatectomy when included in a model with other pathologic characteristics.⁴

The other 5 studies reporting the relationship between CCP and BCR among men post-prostatectomy were found to be at high ROB primarily due to lack of clarity about participation among potentially eligible patients, study attrition, and non-standard or unclear prognostic factor measurement. The first included 100 men post-prostatectomy and found an HR of 1.373 (95% CI [1.006, 1.874]) in a model containing CCP per unit increase and CAPRA score. They also demonstrated HRs for high versus low CCP of 10.912 (95% CI [3.0, 39.7]) and 7.481 (2.1, 26.4) for intermediate versus low CCP with notably wide confidence intervals.⁴⁵ This corresponded to a C-index for prediction of BCR of 0.77 (95% CI [0.69, 0.85]) which was not significantly greater than of the CAPRA-S score (0.71; 95% CI [0.63, 0.79]) or CCP (0.74; 95% CI [0.66, 0.83]) alone.⁴⁵ In a second retrospective cohort of 474 men from the 2000s, HRs of 1.24 (95% CI [1.01, 1.52]) and 1.28 (95% CI [1.03, 1.59]) were found in models including CAPRA-S or multiple pathologic characteristics, respectively, with the latter including Ki-67 and PTEN expression.⁵¹ In the third study of 236 patients (76 Veterans) with low-risk prostate cancer who underwent prostatectomy, the HR for BCR with CCP as a continuous variable was 1.41 (95% CI [1.02, 1.96]) in MVA incorporating CAPRA score.⁵⁶ In this study, similar albeit poor AUCs for BCR were observed at 5 (0.662) and 10 (0.65) years post-prostatectomy for models with CCP and CAPRA compared to CAPRA alone at 5 (0.557) and 10 (0.542) years. A fourth retrospective study including only 52 patients postprostatectomy reported a non-statistically significant HR for CCP in a model with CAPRA (1.68; 95% CI [0.54, 5.23]); however, the AUC for the CCP and CAPRA combined was 0.86 (95% CI or AUC for CCP or CAPRA alone not reported).²¹ Finally, the fifth cohort including 582 patients postprostatectomy (176 Veterans) demonstrated an HR of 1.47 (95% CI [1.23, 1.76]) when incorporating pathologic features in MVA model for BCR.⁷¹

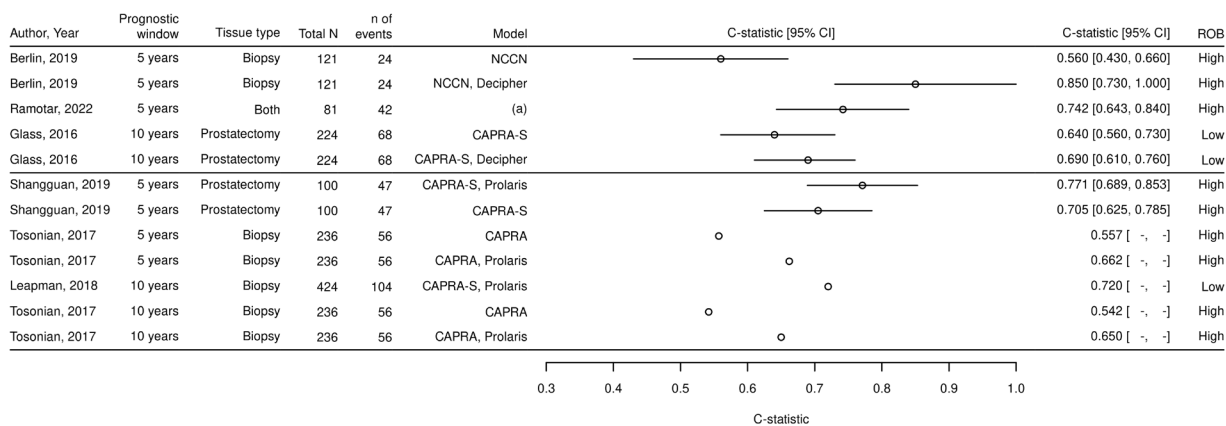
The 1 study assessing BCR following definitive radiation included 141 Veterans treated between 1991 and 2006. In a model with pathologic features and concurrent ADT use, there was an increased risk of BCR with increasing Prolaris score with a HR of 2.11 (95% CI [1.05, 4.25]).⁶⁷ In this moderate ROB study, a small increase in the AUC was observed from 0.78 with clinical features alone to 0.80 with clinical features and CCP score, bringing the AUC into what is generally considered excellent discrimination.

Figure 7. Hazard Ratio Forest Plot for Biochemical Recurrence by Test Type (Decipher, Oncotype, Prolaris)^a



Notes. ^a Model includes CAPRA, PSA, age, tissue source (confirmatory vs diagnostic biopsy), clinical institution (UCSF vs other), genomic prostate score testing (clinical care vs research).

Figure 8. C-statistic Forest Plot for Biochemical Recurrence by Test Type (Decipher, Prolaris)^a



Notes. ^a Model includes tumor stage (pT3-4 vs pT2), PSA pre-PORT, surgical margins (positive vs negative), ISUP Grade Group (2,3,4-5 vs 1), PORT modality (salvage vs adjuvant), intraductal carcinoma and cribriform architecture (positive vs negative).



Table 10. Studies Reporting Biochemical Recurrence

Study Total N Design Risk of Bias (ROB)	Clinical Characteristics		Results (95% CI)
	Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	
<i>Decipher</i>			
Berlin, 2019 ⁴⁹ 121 Retro High ROB	NCCN intermediate risk	NCCN classification <i>unfavorable vs favorable intermediate risk</i>	HR = 1.36 (1.09 to 1.71)
	Biopsy Dose-escalated, image- guided RT without ADT 2005-2011	NCCN	AUC (5 years) Clinical features 0.56 (0.43 to 0.66) Clinical features and test 0.85 (0.73 to 1.00)
Ramotar, 2022 ⁴² 81 Retro High ROB	Post “maximal local therapies” (RP and PORT) with pathology slides available for review	Tumor stage <i>pT3-4 vs pT2</i> PSA pre-PORT Surgical margins <i>positive vs negative</i> ISUP Grade Group <i>2,3,4-5 vs 1</i> PORT modality <i>salvage vs adjuvant</i> IDC/CA <i>positive vs negative</i>	Intermediate Decipher vs high HR = 0.4 (0.1 to, 0.89) Low Decipher vs high HR = 0.32 (0.13 to 0.75)
	Biopsy, RP		
	RP and RT NR		
		Tumor stage <i>pT3-4 vs pT2</i> PSA pre-PORT Surgical margins <i>positive vs negative</i> ISUP Grade Group <i>2,3,4-5 vs 1</i> PORT modality <i>salvage vs adjuvant</i> IDC/CA <i>positive vs negative</i>	AUC Clinical features and test 0.742 (0.643 to 0.84)
Nguyen, 2017b ⁵⁸ 100 Retro Moderate ROB	NCCN intermediate and high risk treated with RT and ADT Biopsy RT and ADT	NCCN <i>High vs intermediate risk</i>	HR = 1.16 (0.96 to 1.41)

Study Total N Design Risk of Bias (ROB)	Clinical Characteristics		Results (95% CI)
	Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	
Glass, 2016 ⁶⁰ 224 Retro Low ROB	RP with high-risk pre-op features (PSA > 20 or Gleason score ≥ 8) pT3, or +SM	CAPRA-S Age at diagnosis	HR = 1.17 (1.04 to 1.33)
	RP	CAPRA-S	AUC Clinical features 0.64 (0.56 to 0.73)
	RP		Clinical features and test 0.69 (0.61 to 0.76)
2001-2013			
<i>Oncotype</i>			
Van Den Eeden, 2018 ⁵³ 259 Retro Low ROB	RP within 12 months of diagnosis	NCCN <i>High vs low and very low Intermediate vs low and very low</i>	HR = 2.11 (1.41 to 3.14)
	Biopsy		
	RP		
1995-2010			
Kornberg, 2019 ⁴⁷ 215 Retro Moderate ROB	Active surveillance patients who had RP ≥ 6 months after starting. Patients had organ confined Gleason 3 + 3 or low volume 3 + 4 prostate cancer with PSA < 20 and CAPRA score < 6	CAPRA, Age at diagnosis PSA density at time of genomic test Tissue source <i>Confirmatory vs diagnostic biopsy</i> Clinical institution <i>UCSF vs other</i> GPS testing <i>Clinical care vs research</i>	HR = 1.10 (1.00 to 1.21)
	Biopsy		
	RP		
2001-2016			
Cullen, 2015 ⁶⁵ 402 Retro Low ROB	Biopsy Gleason score 6 or 7, PSA ≤ 20, ≤ cT2, and RP ≤ 6 months after diagnosis	NCCN <i>Low vs very low Intermediate vs very low</i>	HR = 2.73 (1.84 to 3.96)
	Biopsy	NCCN	AUC Clinical features only 0.59 (NR)
	RP		Clinical features and test 0.68 (NR)
1990-2011			

Study Total N Design Risk of Bias (ROB)	Clinical Characteristics Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	Results (95% CI)
<i>Prolaris</i>			
Cuzick, 2011 ⁴ 336 Retro Low ROB	RP without neoadjuvant therapy RP RP 1985-1995	Log(1+baseline PSA) Gleason score 7, >7 vs <7 Pathological stage Surgical margins	HR = 1.74 (1.39 to 2.17)
Shangguan, 2019 ⁴⁵ 100 Retro High ROB	Adverse pathology (SVI, ECE, positive surgical margins) after RP RP RP 2010-2014	CAPRA score Age CAPRA score Age CAPRA score Age CAPRA score	HR = 1.373 (1.006 to 1.874) High Prolaris vs low HR = 10.912 (3.0 to 39.691) Intermediate Prolaris vs low HR = 7.481 (2.118 to 26.425) AUC Clinical features 0.705 (0.625 to 0.785) Clinical features and test 0.771 (0.689 to 0.853)
Leapman, 2018 ⁵⁰ 424 Retro Low ROB	Clinically localized, treated with RP Biopsy RP Prior to 2017	CAPRA-S CAPRA-S	HR = 1.51 (1.08 to 2.11) AUC Clinical features and test 0.72 (NR)
Leon, 2018 ⁵¹ 474 Retro High ROB	Treated with RP RP RP 2000-2007	CAPRA-S score (other regression components not clear)	HR = 1.24 (1.01 to 1.52)
Tosoian, 2017 ⁵⁶	RP for Gleason score ≤6	CAPRA	HR = 1.41 (1.02 to 1.96)

Study Total N Design Risk of Bias (ROB)	Clinical Characteristics Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	Results (95% CI)
236 Retro High ROB	Biopsy RP 1994-2006	CAPRA	AUC (5 years) Clinical features 0.557 (NR) Clinical features and test 0.662 (NR)
		CAPRA	AUC (10 years) clinical features 0.542 (NR) Clinical features and test 0.65 (NR)
Oderda, 2017 ²¹ 52 Retro High ROB	Treated with RP Biopsy RP 2013-2015	CAPRA	HR = 1.68 (0.54 to 5.23) AUC Clinical test and features 0.86 (NR)
Freedland, 2013 ⁶⁷ 141 Retro Moderate ROB	Treated with RT Biopsy RT 1991-2006	Log(1 + PSA) Gleason score 7, >7 vs <7 Percent positive cores Concurrent ADT	HR = 2.11 (1.05 to 4.25) AUC Clinical features 0.78 (NR) Clinical features and test 0.80 (NR)
Bishoff, 2014 ⁷¹ 582 Retro High ROB	Clinically localized, treated with RP Biopsy, RP RP 1994-2006	Log(1 + PSA) Gleason score 7, >7 vs <7 Percent positive cores Adjuvant treatment Age at diagnosis	HR = 1.47 (1.23 to 1.76)
Cooperberg, 2013 ⁶⁸	Treated with RP without adjuvant or neoadjuvant	CAPRA-S	HR = 1.7 (1.3 to 2.3)

Study Total N Design Risk of Bias (ROB)	Clinical Characteristics		Results (95% CI)
	Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	
413 Retro Low ROB	therapy and with >5 years follow-up	CAPRA-S	CCP Score > -1 to 0 vs ≤ -1 HR = 3.4 (0.8 to 14.1)
	RP	CAPRA-S	CCP Score > 0 to 1 vs ≤ -1 HR = 5.2 (1.2 to 21.7)
	1994-2011	CAPRA-S	CCP Score > 1 vs ≤ -1 HR = 9.5 (2.0 to 45.2)

Abbreviations. ECE=extra-capsular extension; PSA=prostate specific antigen; SVI=seminal vesicle involvement.

Metastases

Decipher

Sixteen studies with 3,587 participants addressed the ability of the Decipher score to predict metastases following definitive treatment of prostate cancer, including 15 retrospective studies and 1 secondary analysis of a prospective, randomized trial.^{6,19,22,40,41,43,44,49,52,55,58,59,61,63,64} Across 9 studies ($N = 2,139$), the summary effect estimate showed an increase in risk of metastases with continuous increase in Decipher score with an HR of 1.32 (95% CI [1.22, 1.44]; 95% PI [1.15, 1.52]) (Figure 9). Notably, these 16 studies drew on patients diagnosed from 1987 and 2016, over which time management of prostate cancer evolved. Six studies were found to have low ROB, 5 moderate ROB, and 5 high ROB. The number of metastatic events in these studies were low, ranging from 5 to 104, leading to large variability in reported findings.

The first low ROB study was an ancillary analysis of data from 352 men treated on RTOG 9601, a phase III prospective randomized trial evaluating the addition of 2 years of ADT to post-prostatectomy radiation. Patients eligible for this study had a rising PSA to 0.2 to 4.0 following prostatectomy with pathology showing either T2N0 disease with positive margins or T3N0 disease.⁴¹ This study demonstrated an HR of 1.17 (95% CI [1.05 to 1.32]) for metastases for Decipher as a continuous variable in a model including clinical and pathological characteristics as well as treatment received (ADT or placebo) as part of the phase III study. When considered as a categorical variable, Decipher high versus low scores had an HR of 1.74 (95% CI [1.08, 2.84]) accounting for the same variables used in the model above (Table 11). Of note, this report was underpowered to detect a statistically significant interaction between the Decipher score and the effect of ADT and therefore did not demonstrate the Decipher score as a predictive biomarker for ADT use.

A second low ROB study included 405 Veterans with prostate cancer and employed multiple clinical classification schemes while evaluating Decipher as both a continuous variable (per 0.1 units) and as a categorical variable.⁴³ In models with Decipher as a continuous variable, the HRs for metastases were 1.34 (95% CI [1.19, 1.50]) and 1.33 (95% CI [1.19, 1.48]) with incorporation of NCCN and CAPRA classification schemes, respectively. As a categorical

variable, HRs for metastases were 2.95 (95% CI [1.75, 4.98]) and 3.09 (95% CI [1.88, 5.06]) comparing high (>0.6) and low (<0.45) Decipher scores in models with NCCN and CAPRA classifications, respectively (Figure 10). In addition, the AUC for metastases at 5 years increased with the addition of the Decipher score to almost acceptable discrimination; specifically, the AUC increased from 0.46 (95% CI [0.38, 0.53]) to 0.67 (95% CI [0.60, 0.75]) and from 0.59 (95% CI [0.50, 0.67]) to 0.71 (95% CI [0.65, 0.78]) when including the Decipher score with NCCN and CAPRA models, respectively (Figure 11).

In another low ROB study of 548 Veterans who had undergone prostatectomy, Decipher as a categorical variable showed an HR of 9.60 (95% CI [3.51, 32]) for prediction of metastases when comparing high to low scores and 6.51 (95% CI [2.33, 21.8]) for intermediate to low scores.⁴⁴ The number of events in this cohort was 37, leading to the large confidence intervals. In the fourth low ROB study, a nested case control design was used to create 2 cohorts of men post-prostatectomy: one including patients with either no evidence of recurrence or biochemical recurrence only and one with patients with clinical metastases.⁶ The authors then demonstrated an increased odds of metastases with every 10% increase in Decipher score in a model incorporating multiple pathologic and clinical factors (OR = 1.36, 95% CI [1.16, 1.60]). In addition, they reported an AUC of 0.74 for a model with Decipher and clinical features as compared to an AUC of 0.69 for clinical features alone, although CI were not reported. In another low ROB study of 188 patients limited to those who received post-prostatectomy radiation, models with CAPRA-S showed similar HR for metastases with Decipher of 1.69 (95% CI [1.24, 2.31]) and a significant increase in the AUC from 0.66 (95% CI [0.56, 0.78]) to 0.85 (95% CI [0.79, 0.93]).⁶³ Finally, Klein et al reported ORs for the Decipher score of 1.43 and 1.48 for metastases with the continuous Decipher score in models with CAPRA-S or clinical features, respectively.⁶⁴ Including Decipher with clinical features in this study led to a non-significant increase in the AUC to 0.78 (95% CI [0.68, 0.89]) compared to 0.72 (95% CI [0.6, 0.84]) with clinical features alone.

Four of the 5 moderate ROB studies evaluated the additive predictive value of Decipher for metastases reported similar findings. One retrospective study of 260 men observed an HR of 1.32 (95% CI [1.17, 1.51]) for metastases with Decipher by 0.1 unit increase in a model with CAPRA-S.⁶¹ In addition, the AUC for metastases at 10 years increased from 0.77 (95% CI [0.69, 0.85]) for CAPRA-S alone to 0.87 (95% CI [0.77, 0.94]) for CAPRA-S and Decipher score, although this was not significant. A second retrospective study including 422 patients with adverse pathology on radical prostatectomy⁵⁹ included CAPRA-S and radiation treatment type in their model and reported a HR of 1.28 (1.08, 1.52) for metastases with Decipher. A third study of 100 intermediate and high-risk patients who underwent radiation combined with ADT found that the Decipher score had an HR of 1.37 (95% CI [1.06, 1.78]) in a model with NCCN.⁵⁸ In a fourth small study of 57 men with high-risk clinical or pathologic features, the Decipher score had an HR of 1.64 (95% CI [1.11, 2.42]) for metastasis development in a model including the CAPRA-S score.²² In this same study, the addition of the Decipher score to NCCN classification led to an excellent AUC for metastases at 0.88 (95% CI [0.76, 0.96]) versus 0.75 (95% CI [0.64, 0.87]) for NCCN classification alone. The fifth moderate ROB study included 150 men with a persistent PSA following prostatectomy and demonstrated similar HRs with wide confidence intervals for metastases when Decipher as a categorical variable of high versus low and intermediate when included in a model with CAPRA-S (HR 8.72; 95% CI [2.25, 39.8]) or clinical features (HR 5.61; 95% CI [1.48, 22.7]).⁵² The latter corresponded with a non-significant increase in AUC

from 0.69 (95% CI [0.41, 0.89]) with clinical features alone to 0.83 (95% CI 0.70, 1.00) with clinical features and the Decipher score.

The remaining 5 studies were retrospective, high ROB studies due to variable levels of concern related to inability to determine proportion of participating eligible patients, non-standard prognostic factor measurement, and study attrition. One study included 121 intermediate-risk patients who underwent radiation alone as definitive treatment and demonstrated an HR of 2.05 (95% CI [1.24, 4.24]) for metastases in a MVA model including NCCN classification.⁴⁹ When NCCN classification was replaced in the model by clinical features, a similar HR was obtained (2.07 95% CI [1.17, 5.24]). AUC improved numerically in this study by adding the Decipher score to clinical features alone (0.89 vs 0.86, respectively).

The remaining 4 high ROB studies all included patients who underwent prostatectomy, with 3 that also included patients treated with definitive radiation. In the 1 study with both prostatectomy and radiation patients, a model containing both clinical features and treatment received demonstrated an increased risk of metastases associated with Decipher with an HR of 1.39 (95% CI [1.09, 1.8]).⁵⁵ Additionally, this study of 235 patients showed that the incorporation of Decipher score into a model with NCCN improved the AUC for prediction of metastases from 0.66 (95% CI [0.53, 0.77]) to 0.74 (95% CI [0.66, 0.82]), although this increase was not significant. A validation study of 235 patients revealed an AUC of 0.84 (95% CI [0.61, 0.93]) for a combination of clinical and genomic characteristics, compared to 0.68 (95% CI [0.64, 0.73]) for NCCN classification alone.¹⁹ In addition, their clinical-genomic classification scheme of low, intermediate, and high risk showed HRs with wide confidence intervals of 22.3 (95% CI [2.9, 2,863.8]) and 61.6 (95% CI [8.1, 7,914.9]) for intermediate and high risk as compared to low risk when stratified by treating institution and adjusted for treatment received. In a study limited to 160 patients with Gleason Grade Group 2-4 prostate cancer, the predictive ability for metastases for all 3 genomic classifier tests was assessed; specifically, with the addition of Decipher, the AUC increased from 0.55 (95% CI [0.5, 0.6]) to 0.74 (95% CI [0.69, 0.78]).⁴⁰

Oncotype

Three retrospective studies (2 low ROB and 1 high ROB) evaluated the prognostic ability of the Oncotype score to predict metastases in men who underwent prostatectomy.^{39,40,53} The 2 low ROB studies reported similar findings supporting an modest additive value of Oncotype test per 20 units when combined with standard clinical features or risk schemas. The first, a low ROB study, showed an HR of 2.34 (95% CI [1.42, 3.86]) for Oncotype by 20 units in a model with NCCN classification among 259 patients who received radical prostatectomy within 12 months of diagnosis.⁵³ Similar results for the Oncotype score were seen with models including AUA classification (HR 2.51 95% CI [1.49, 4.23]) and CAPRA score (HR 2.63 95% CI [1.58, 4.36]). This corresponded to an increase in AUC from 0.66 with NCCN classification alone to 0.75 with NCCN and Oncotype features, although 95% CI were not provided to assess significance. The second low ROB cohort included 428 patients treated with prostatectomy between 1987 and 2004 and found that increases in Oncotype score per 20 units were associated with an increased risk of metastases in a model with clinical features (HR = 2.24; 95% CI [1.49, 3.53]), and AUC increased from 0.772 to 0.824 when incorporating Oncotype with clinical features compared to clinical features alone.³⁹ Finally, in the same high ROB study that assessed the additive

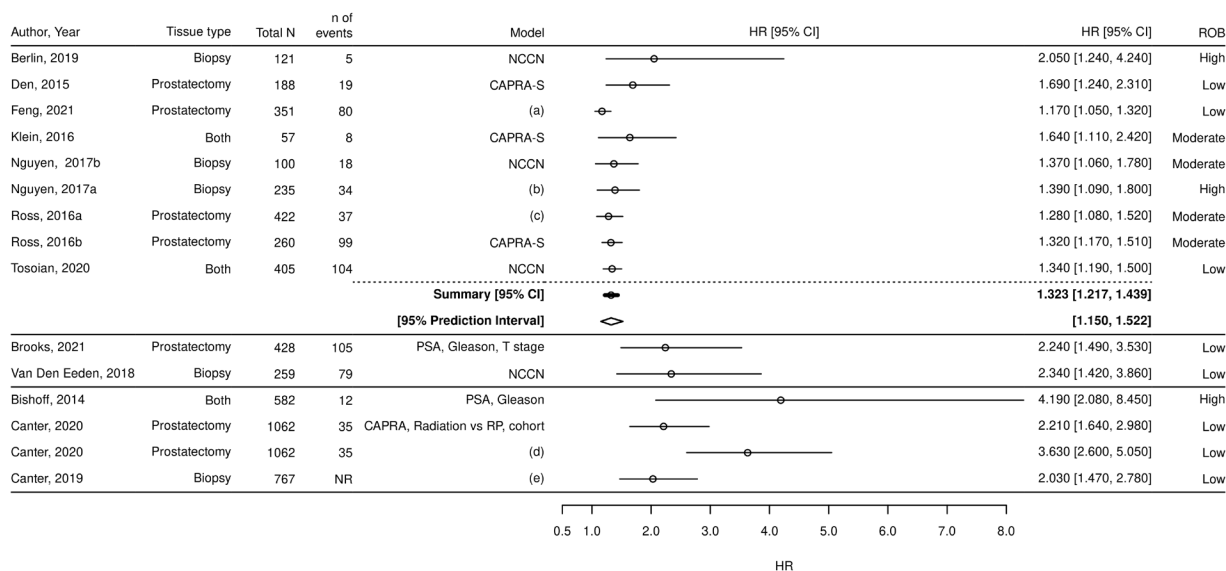
prognostic value of all 3 tests in 1 cohort of patients, the Oncotype score had an AUC of 0.65 (95% CI [0.6, 0.7]) compared to 0.55 (95% CI [0.5, 0.6]) for clinical features alone.⁴⁰

Prolaris

Four retrospective studies addressed the additive prognostic value of the Prolaris test for metastases.^{40,46,48,71} The 2 low ROB studies with the same first author (Canter) reported similarly sized increases in metastatic risk associated with increases in Prolaris score. The first (2020) included 1062 patients from 4 institutions (131 Veterans) who had undergone prostatectomy or radiation therapy with or without ADT. In a model that included the CAPRA score and treatment received, CCP had an HR of 2.21 (95% CI [1.64, 2.98]) for metastases.⁴⁶ This increased risk translated to an improvement in AUC from 0.86 to 0.89 when the CCP score was combined with the CAPRA score. The second study by the same author (2019) included a cohort of 767 men, some of whom were included in the previously noted Canter paper, who underwent either definitive radiation or prostatectomy.⁴⁸ In a model containing the CAPRA score, treatment received, and race, the HR for the per unit increase in CCP was 2.03 (95% CI [1.47, 2.78]). The AUC for CAPRA only increased from 0.88 to 0.9 with the addition of CCP.

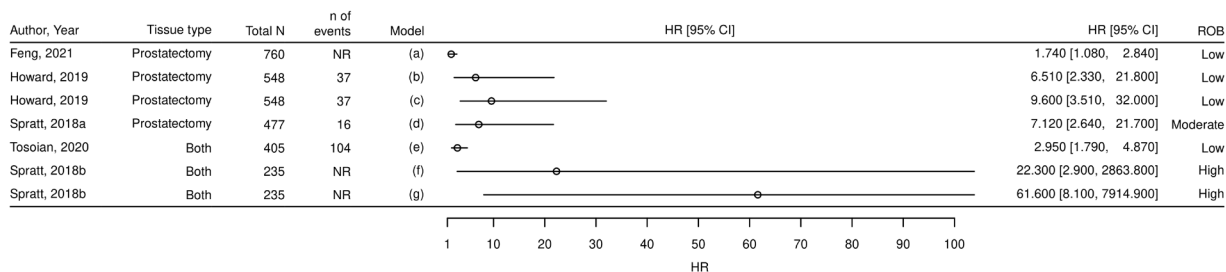
The other 2 studies evaluating the additive predictive value of Prolaris for metastases had high ROB but reported findings in the same direction and similar magnitude. First, 1 study ($N = 582$) that included patients post-prostatectomy was found to have multiple potential sources of risk of bias including study participation and measurement of both prognostic factors and outcomes. In a model that included clinical features, the HR for the CCP score was found to be 4.19 (95% CI [2.08, 8.45]).⁷¹ Finally, the other high ROB study was the same study which evaluated AUC for all 3 relevant genomic classifier tests and showed an AUC of 0.73 (95% CI [0.69, 0.78]) for the CCP score compared to 0.55 (95% CI [0.5, 0.6]) for clinical features alone.⁴⁰

Figure 9. Hazard Ratio Forest Plot for Metastasis by Test Type (Decipher, Oncotype, Prolaris)



Notes. ^a Model includes age (≥ 65 vs < 65), race (Black vs non-Black) Gleason score (8-10 vs ≤ 7), T stage (pT3 vs pT2), PSA, positive surgical margins, PSA nadir status (non-nadir vs nadir < 0.5), ADT vs placebo; ^b Model includes age, log₂ (PSA), grade group, clinical stage, first-line treatment RP, first-line treatment RT ADT; ^c Model includes CAPRA-S, treatment (adjuvant radiation vs minimal residual disease salvage radiation, salvage radiation, no radiation); ^d CAPRA, treatment institutional cohort; ^e CAPRA, ancestry (Black vs non-Black), primary treatment.

Figure 10. Hazard Ratio for Categorical Studies Reporting Metastasis by Test Type (Decipher)



Notes. ^a Treatment, age, Black vs non-Black, Gleason, T score, PSA, margin status, nadir, Decipher (high vs low); ^b CAPRA-S, age, Black vs non-Black, Decipher (intermediate vs low); ^c CAPRA-S, age, Black men vs non Black men, Decipher (high vs low risk); ^d CAPRA-S, PSA, Decipher (high vs low/intermediate); ^e Age, PSA, Grade Group, T-stage, Decipher (high vs low); ^f Clinical-genomic risk grouping NCCN + Decipher (intermediate vs low); ^g Clinical-genomic risk grouping NCCN + Decipher (high vs low).



Figure 11. C-statistic Forest Plot for Metastasis and Decipher

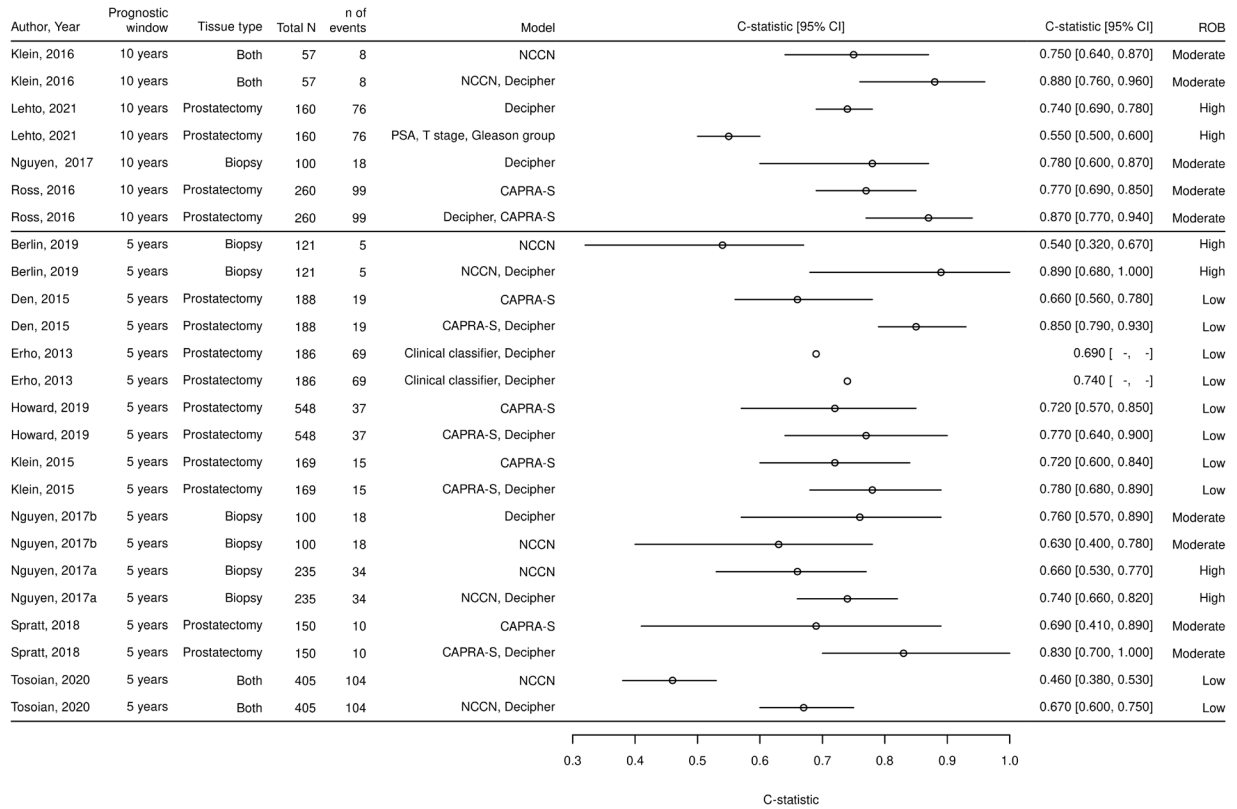


Table 11. Studies Reporting Metastases

Study Total N Design Risk of Bias (ROB)	Clinical Characteristics Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	Results (95% CI)
<i>Decipher</i>			
Erho, 2013 ⁶ 186 RCC Low ROB	Treated with RP with no evidence of recurrence, BCR only, or metastasis within 5 years of RP RP RP 1987-2001	Pre-op PSA Pathologic Gleason score ≥ 8 SVI Tumor volume Lymph node involvement Positive surgical margins ECE	OR = 1.36 (1.16, 1.60)
		Pre-op PSA Pathologic Gleason score ≥ 8 SVI Tumor volume Lymph node involvement Positive surgical margins ECE	AUC Clinical features 0.69 (NR) Clinical features and test 0.74 (NR)
Feng, 2021 ⁴¹ 351 Retrospective ancillary study of a phase III trial Low ROB	Treated with RP and PLND with pT2N0M0 and positive surgical margins or pT3N0M0, and PSA of 0.2-4 at least 8 weeks after surgery KPS ≥ 80 No prior therapy other than short period ADT No liver disease Life expectancy of ≥ 10 years RP RP and RT ± 2 years ADT 1998-2003	Age: ≥ 65 vs <65 Race: <i>Black vs non-Black</i> Gleason score: 8-10 vs ≤ 7 T stage: <i>pT3 vs pT2</i> PSA at trial entry Positive surgical margins PSA nadir status <i>Non-nadir vs nadir</i> (<0.5) ADT vs placebo	HR = 1.17 (1.05, 1.32)
		Age: ≥ 65 vs <65 Race: <i>Black vs non-Black</i> Gleason score: 8-10 vs ≤ 7 T stage: <i>pT3 vs pT2</i> PSA at trial entry Positive surgical margins PSA nadir status <i>Non-nadir vs nadir</i> (<0.5) ADT vs placebo	Decipher High/intermediate vs low HR = 1.74 CI (1.08, 2.84)

Study Total N Design Risk of Bias (ROB)	Clinical Characteristics Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	Results (95% CI)
Tosoian, 2020 ⁴³ 405 Retro Low ROB	cT3a-T4, or PSA >20, or Gleason Grade Group 4-5 with no neoadjuvant ADT or evidence of nodal disease prior to RP Biopsy, RP RP or RT+ADT 1995-2005	Age PSA Grade Group 4,5 vs 1-3 T stage T2, T3/4 vs T1 NCCN <i>Very high vs high risk</i> NCCN <i>Very high vs high risk</i> NCCN	Decipher High vs low HR = 2.95 (1.79, 4.87) Intermediate vs low 1.43 (0.80, 2.53) 1.34 (1.19, 1.50) Decipher High vs low HR = 2.95 (1.75, 4.98) Intermediate vs Low 1.56 (0.87, 2.80) AUC Clinical features 0.46 (0.38, 0.53) Clinical features and test 0.67 (0.60, 0.75)
Berlin, 2019 ⁴⁹ 121 Retro High ROB	NCCN intermediate risk, treated with curative intent DE-IGRT without ADT Biopsy 2005-2011	NCCN <i>unfavorable vs favorable intermediate risk</i> Age Pre-diagnostic PSA T stage <i>cT2b/c vs cT1/2a</i> ISUP grade <i>3 vs 1 and 2</i> Percent positive cores <i>≥ 50 vs <50</i> NCCN	HR = 2.05 (1.24, 4.24) HR = 2.07 (1.17, 5.24) AUC Clinical features 0.54 (0.32, 0.67) Clinical features and test 0.89 (0.68, 1.00)
Nguyen, 2017a ⁵⁵ 235 Retro High ROB	NCCN intermediate or high risk treated with RT with or without ADT or prostate cancer with adverse pathology on RP Biopsy RP or RT with or without ADT 1987-2014	Patient's age Log2 (PSA) Grade Group Clinical stage First-line treatment RP First-line treatment RT ADT NCCN	HR = 1.39 (1.09, 1.8) AUC Clinical features 0.66 (0.53, 0.77) Clinical features and test 0.74 (0.66, 0.82)

Study Total N Design Risk of Bias (ROB)	Clinical Characteristics Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	Results (95% CI)
Nguyen, 2017b ⁵⁸ 100 Retro Moderate ROB	NCCN intermediate and high risk, treated with RT and ADT Biopsy RT+ADT 2001-2013	NCCN high	HR = 1.37 (1.06, 1.78)
Klein, 2016 ²² 57 Retro Moderate ROB	Treated with RP with either pre-op PSA >20, pT3 or positive margins, or pathologic Gleason score ≥ 8 Bx, RP RP 1987-2008	CAPRA-S	HR = 1.64 (1.11, 2.42)
Ross, 2016a ⁵⁹ 422 Retro Moderate ROB	Adverse pathology patients treated with RP and adjuvant RT, RT for minimal PSA, RT with higher PSA recurrence compared to patients with no RT 1990-2010	CAPRA-S, treatment (adjuvant radiation vs minimal residual disease salvage radiation, salvage radiation, no radiation)	HR = 1.28 (1.08, 1.52)
Ross, 2016b ⁶¹ 260 Retro Moderate ROB	Treated with RP with CAPRA-S score ≥ 3, pathologic Gleason score ≥ 7, and post-RP PSA nadir < 0.2 RP RP 1992-2010	CAPRA-S	HR = 1.32 (1.17, 1.51)
		CAPRA-S	AUC Clinical features 0.77 (0.69, 0.85) Clinical features and test 0.87 (0.77, 0.94)
Den, 2015 ⁶³ 188 Retro Low ROB	pT3 and/or positive surgical margins at RP treated with PORT RP RP+RT 1990-2009	CAPRA-S score CAPRA-S score	HR = 1.69 (1.24, 2.31) AUC Clinical features 0.66 (0.56, 0.78) Clinical features and test 0.85 (0.79, 0.93)
Howard, 2020 ⁴⁴ 548 Retro Low ROB	Treated with RP with either pT3a, positive margins, SVI, or had PORT RP RP with or without RT 1989-2016	Age at RP CAPRA-S High vs low/intermediate Race: <i>Black vs non-Black</i>	Decipher Intermediate vs low HR = 6.51 (2.33, 21.8) Decipher High vs low HR = 9.60 (3.51, 32.0) AUC Clinical features 0.72 (0.57, 0.85) Clinical features and test 0.77 (0.64, 0.90)

Study	Clinical Characteristics	Model Variables	Results (95% CI)
Total N	Tissue Source		
Design	Treatment		
Risk of Bias (ROB)	Study Duration		
Spratt, 2018a ⁵² 150 Retro Moderate ROB	Treated with RP with persistently detectable PSA RP RP 1990-2015	CAPRA-S Post-operative PSA	Decipher High vs low/intermediate HR = 7.12 (2.64, 21.7)
		Pre-op PSA Pathologic grade groups 4 and 5, 3 vs. 1 and 2 Positive margins Pathologic T stage T3b and T4, T3a vs T2	Decipher High vs low/intermediate HR = 5.61 (1.48, 22.7)
		CAPRA-S	AUC Clinical features 0.69 (0.41, 0.89) Clinical features and test 0.83 (0.70, 1.00)
Klein, 2015 ⁶⁴ 169 RCC Low ROB	Treated with RP with either pre-op PSA >20 pT3 or positive margins or Gleason score ≥ 8 and pN0, undetectable post-RP PSA, no neoadjuvant or adjuvant therapy, and a minimum of 5-yr follow-up for those who remained metastasis free RP RP 1987-2008	CAPRA-S	OR = 1.43 (1.07, 1.91)
		CAPRA-S	AUC Clinical features 0.72 (0.6, 0.84) Clinical features and test 0.78 (0.68, 0.89)
Spratt, 2018b ¹⁹ 235 Retro High ROB	PSA <200, cT1c-T3b, and cN0 Biopsy RP or RT with or without ADT 1995-2005	Treatment, stratified by institution	Clinical-genomic risk grouping Intermediate vs low HR = 22.3 (2.9, 2,863.8)
		Treatment, stratified by institution	Clinical-genomic risk grouping High vs low HR = 61.6 (8.1, 7914.9)
		6 tier clinical-genomic risk groups (10 years)	AUC 0.84 (0.61, 0.93)
Lehto, 2021 ⁴⁰ 160 RCC High ROB	Treated with RP with Gleason 3+4, 4+3, 4+4 and AJCC 8 th ed Stage II-II without neo-adjuvant treatment RP RP 1992-2015	PSA T Stage Grade group	AUC Clinical features 0.55 (0.5, 0.6) Test only 0.74 (0.69, 0.78)

Study Total N Design Risk of Bias (ROB)	Clinical Characteristics Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	Results (95% CI)
<i>Oncotype</i>			
Van Den Eeden, 2018 ⁵³ 259 Retro Low ROB	RP within 12 months of diagnosis Biopsy RP 1995-2005	NCCN <i>High vs low and very low</i>	HR = 2.34 (1.42, 3.86)
		CAPRA	HR = 2.63 (1.58, 4.36)
		NCCN	AUC Clinical features 0.66 (NR) Clinical features and test 0.75 (NR)
Brooks, 2021 ³⁹ 428 Retro Low ROB	Treated with RP RP RP 1987-2004	Log2(PSA) Grade high vs low T Stage high vs low	HR = 2.24 (1.49, 3.53)
		Log2(PSA) High grade High T stage	AUC Clinical features 0.772 (NR) Clinical features and test 0.824 (NR)
Lehto, 2021 ⁴⁰ 160 RCC High ROB	Treated with RP with Gleason 3+4, 4+3, 4+4 and AJCC 8 th ed Stage II-II without neo-adjuvant treatment RP RP 1992-2015	PSA T Stage Grade group	AUC Clinical features 0.55 (0.5, 0.6) Test only 0.65 (0.6, 0.7)
<i>Prolaris</i>			
Canter, 2020 ⁴⁶ 1062 Retro Low ROB	Patients from 4 different institutions Biopsy or RP RP or RT with or without ADT 1994-2006	CAPRA, Treatment Institutional cohort	HR = 2.21 (1.64, 2.98)
		Treatment Institutional cohort	CCR score (CAPRA and Prolaris scores) HR = 3.63 (2.60, 5.05)
		CAPRA	AUC Clinical features 0.857 (NR) CCR 0.894 (NR)

Study Total N Design Risk of Bias (ROB)	Clinical Characteristics Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	Results (95% CI)
Bishoff, 2014 ⁷¹ 582 Retro High ROB	Clinically localize, treated with RP Biopsy, RP RP 1994-2006	Log(1 + PSA) Gleason Score 7, >7 vs <7 Percent positive cores Adjuvant treatment Age at diagnosis	HR = 4.19 (2.08, 8.45)
Canter, 2019 ⁴⁸ 767 Retro Low ROB	Prostate adenocarcinoma with PSA < 100, cT1-T3M0 that did not undergo TURP, cryosurgery, or laser ablation Biopsy RP, RT with or without ADT, ADT or none 2006-2011	CAPRA Ancestry: <i>Black vs non-Black</i> Primary treatment CAPRA	HR = 2.03 (1.47, 2.78) AUC Clinical features 0.88 (NR) Clinical features and test 0.90 (NR)
Lehto, 2021 ⁴⁰ 160 RCC High ROB	Treated with RP with Gleason 3+4, 4+3, 4+4 and AJCC 8 th ed Stage II-II without neo-adjuvant treatment RP RP 1992-2015	PSA Stage Grade group	AUC Clinical features 0.55 (0.5, 0.6) Test only 0.73 (0.69, 0.78)

Abbreviations. ADT=androgen deprivation therapy; AJCC=American Joint Committee on Cancer; AUC=area under the curve; BCR=biochemical recurrence; CAPRA=Cancer of the Prostate Risk Assessment; ECE=extra-capsular extension; NCCN=National Comprehensive Cancer Network; HR=hazard ratio; PLND=pelvic lymph node dissection; PORT=post-operative radiation therapy; PSA=prostate-specific antigen; RP=radical prostatectomy; RT=radiation therapy; SVI=seminal vesicle involvement.

Prostate-cancer-specific Mortality

Decipher

Five studies (3 low ROB,^{41,44,66} 1 moderate ROB,⁵⁴ and 1 high ROB⁴⁰) addressed the impact of the Decipher score on the prediction of prostate-cancer-specific mortality in addition to standard clinical or pathologic features.^{40,41,44,54,66} Two low ROB studies ($N = 538$) examined the additive benefit of Decipher with this outcome among patients post-prostatectomy and reported similar HRs of 1.81 (95% CI [1.48, 2.25]) and 1.39 (95% CI [1.20, 1.63]) (Figure 12 and Table 12). The third low ROB study was an exclusively Veteran cohort ($N = 548$) who underwent prostatectomy between 1989 and 2016. In models with CAPRA-S and race (Black vs non-Black), Decipher was rounded to have HRs of 25.5 (95% CI [2.84, 3,365]) and 56.0 (95% CI [6.82, 7,297]) for intermediate and high risk Decipher scores, compared to low risk, respectively.⁴⁴ Of note, this low ROB study had an event rate of 12 for PCSM, leading to large CIs. This corresponded with a non-significant increase in AUC from 0.81 (95% CI [0.63, 0.95]) with CAPRA-S alone to 0.856 (95% CI [0.71, 0.98]) with CAPRA-S and Decipher (Figure 13). Finally, the ancillary study of RTOG 9601 discussed previously assessed prostate-cancer-specific mortality in men following prostatectomy. Models including both clinical and pathologic features demonstrated HRs of 1.39

(95% CI [1.20, 1.63]) and 2.94 (95% CI [1.57, 5.81]) with Decipher as a continuous and categorical variable (high or intermediate versus low), respectively.⁴¹ Of note, the study by Feng et al also showed the prognostic ability of the Decipher score for overall survival, with an HR of 1.17 (95% CI [1.06, 1.29]) in a model similar to those for prostate-cancer-specific mortality.⁴¹

The 1 moderate ROB study included 561 men who underwent prostatectomy (113 of whom were Veterans). In a model including CAPRA-S, increases of 0.1 unit in Decipher score had a greater odds of prostate-cancer-specific mortality (OR = 1.34, 95% CI [1.2, 1.5]).⁵⁴ This was associated with a non-significant increase in AUC from 0.73 (95% CI [0.68, 0.78]) to 0.76 (95% CI [0.71, 0.82]) when incorporating Decipher with CAPRA-S. Concerns for potential ROB in this study were moderate for both study participation by eligible individuals and prognostic factor measurement.

In the same high ROB study by Lehto et al discussed above which evaluated AUCs for all 3 tests, the AUC for prostate-cancer-specific mortality did significantly increase from 0.55 (95% CI [0.49, 0.6]) with clinical features to 0.72 (95% CI [0.66, 0.77]) with inclusion of the Decipher score.⁴⁰

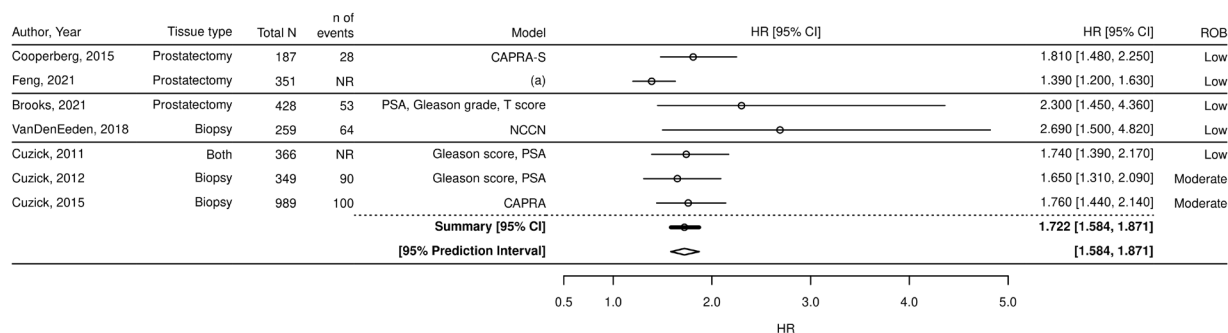
Oncotype

Three studies, all retrospective (2 low ROB and 1 high ROB) and in men who underwent prostatectomy, evaluated the Oncotype score's additive prognostic value for prostate-cancer-specific mortality.^{39,40,53} Each showed an increase in the AUC: from 0.71 with NCCN classification alone to 0.81 with the addition of the Oncotype score in Van den Eeden et al,⁵³ from 0.762 to 0.822 (95% CIs not reported) in Brooks et al,³⁹ and from 0.55 (95% CI [0.49, 0.6]) to 0.69 (95% CI [0.63, 0.74]) with the addition of the Oncotype score to models with clinical features in the high ROB study by Lehto et al.⁴⁰ The HRs for prostate-cancer-specific mortality were reported in 2 of the publications, 2.69 (95% CI [1.50, 4.82]) in a model with NCCN in Van den Eeden et al⁵³ and 2.30 (95% CI [1.45, 4.36]) in a model with clinical features in Brooks et al.³⁹

Prolaris

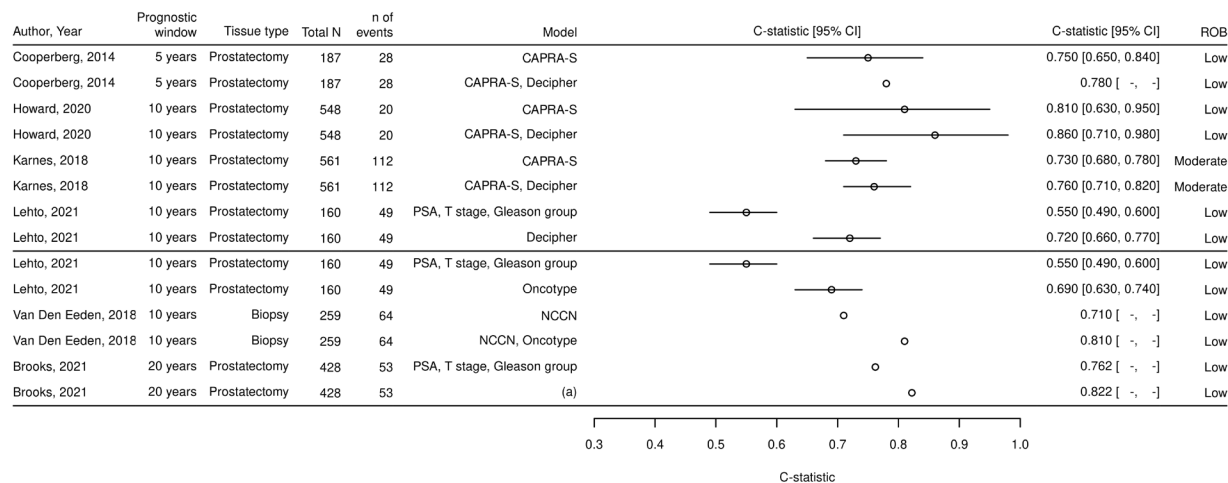
Four studies assessed the additive prognostic value for prostate-cancer-specific mortality by the Prolaris score or CCP.^{4,40,62,69} Three Prolaris studies ($N = 1,675$) contributed to a meta-analysis of the additive prognostic effect and reported a summary HR of 1.72 (95% CI [1.58, 1.87]; 95% PI [1.58, 1.87]). Three of these were by Cuzick et al.^{4,62,69} The first was a low ROB study published in 2011, and included a cohort of 337 men diagnosed by TURP; within this cohort the CCP score had an HR for prostate-cancer-specific mortality of 2.57 (95% CI [1.93, 3.43]) when included in a model with clinical features.⁴ The second moderate ROB study by Cuzick et al, from 2012, evaluated CCP scores derived from biopsy specimens in a similar manner to the first, showing an HR of 1.65 (95% CI [1.31, 2.09]) for prostate-cancer-specific mortality in a model with clinical features.⁶⁹ The final Cuzick et al report from 2015 (low ROB), in a separate cohort of patients with biopsy specimens from the 2012 manuscript, demonstrated an HR of 1.76 (95% CI [1.44, 2.14]) in a model with CAPRA. In addition, the AUC was reported to increase from 0.74 to 0.78 with the addition of the CCP score to the CAPRA score.⁶² A significant increase in AUC was also reported by Lehto et al, from 0.55 (95% [CI 0.49, 0.60]) to 0.66 (95% CI [0.61, 0.74]), with the addition of the CCP score to clinical features in a cohort of 160 men who underwent prostatectomy.⁴⁰

Figure 12. Hazard Ratio Forest Plot for Prostate-cancer-specific Mortality by Test Type (Decipher, Oncotype, Prolaris)^a



Notes. ^a Model includes age (≥ 65 vs < 65), Black men vs non Black men, Gleason score (8-10 vs ≤ 7), T stage (pT3 vs pT2), PSA at trial entry, positive surgical margins, PSA nadir status (non-nadir vs nadir < 0.5), ADT vs placebo.

Figure 13. C-statistic Forest Plot for Prostate-cancer-specific Mortality by Test Type (Decipher, Oncotype)



Notes. ^a Model includes PSA, T stage, Gleason group, Oncotype.



Table 12. Studies Reporting Prostate-cancer-specific Mortality

Study Total N Design ROB	Clinical Characteristics Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	Results (95% CI)
<i>Decipher</i>			
Karnes, 2018 ⁵⁴ 561 Retro Moderate ROB	Treated with RP with pT3, pN1, positive margins, or Gleason score >7 RP RP 1987-2010	CAPRA-S	OR = 1.34 (1.20, 1.50)
		CAPRA-S	AUC Clinical features 0.73 (0.68, 0.78) Clinical features and test 0.76 (0.71, 0.82)
Feng, 2021 ⁴¹ 351 Ancillary study of a phase III trial Low ROB	Treated with RP and PLND with pT2N0M0 and positive surgical margins or pT3N0M0, and PSA of 0.2-4 at least 8 weeks after surgery KPS ≥ 80 No prior therapy other than short period ADT No liver disease Life expectancy of ≥ 10 years RP RP and RT ±2 years ADT 1998-2003	Age: ≥ 65 vs <65 Race: Black vs non-Black Gleason score: 8-10 vs ≤7 T stage: pT3 vs pT2 PSA at trial entry Positive surgical margins PSA nadir status Non-nadir vs nadir (<0.5) ADT vs placebo	HR = 1.39 (1.20, 1.63)
		Age: ≥65 vs <65 Race: Black vs non-Black Gleason score: 8-10 vs ≤7 T stage: pT3 vs pT2 PSA at trial entry Positive surgical margins PSA nadir status Non-nadir vs nadir (<0.5) ADT vs placebo	Decipher High/intermediate vs low HR = 2.94 (1.57, 5.81)
Cooperberg, 2015 ⁶⁶ 187 Retro Low ROB	Treated with RP with pre-op PSA >20, Gleason score ≥ 8 or pT3b without neo-adjuvant therapy, metastatic disease or lack of a PSA nadir post-RP RP RP 2000-2006	CAPRA-S Adjuvant therapy (RT or ADT)	HR = 1.81 (1.48, 2.25)
		CAPRA-S	AUC Clinical features 0.75 (0.65, 0.84) Clinical features and test 0.78 (NR)

Study Total N Design ROB	Clinical Characteristics		Model Variables	Results (95% CI)
	Tissue Source	Treatment Study Duration		
Howard, 2020 ⁴⁴ 548 Retro Low ROB	Treated with RP with either pT3a, positive margins, SVI, or had PORT RP RP with or without RT 1989-2016		Age at RP CAPRA-S High vs low/intermediate Race: Black vs non-Black	Decipher Intermediate vs low HR = 25.5 (2.84, 3365) Decipher High vs low HR = 56.0 (6.82, 7297)
			CAPRA-S	AUC Clinical features 0.81 (0.63, 0.95) Clinical features and test 0.86 (0.71, 0.98)
Lehto, 2021 ⁴⁰ 160 RCC High ROB	Treated with RP with Gleason 3+4, 4+3, 4+4 and AJCC 8 th ed Stage II-II without neo-adjuvant treatment RP RP 1992-2015		PSA T Stage Grade group	AUC Clinical features 0.55 (0.49, 0.6) Test only 0.72 (0.66, 0.77)
Oncotype				
Van Den Eeden, 2018 ⁵³ 259 Retro Low ROB	RP within 12 months of diagnosis Biopsy RP 1995-2005		NCCN NCCN	HR = 2.69 (1.50, 4.82) AUC Clinical features 0.71 (NR) Clinical features and test 0.81(NR)
Brooks, 2021 ³⁹ 428 Retro Low ROB	Treated with RP RP RP 1987-2004		Log2(PSA) Grade <i>high vs low</i> T stage <i>high vs low</i>	HR = 2.30 (1.45, 4.36)
			Log2(PSA) High grade High T stage	AUC Clinical features 0.762 (NR) Clinical features and test 0.822 (NR)

Study	Clinical Characteristics	Model Variables	Results (95% CI)
Total N	Tissue Source		
Design	Treatment		
ROB	Study Duration		
Lehto, 2021 ⁴⁰ 160 RCC High ROB	Treated with RP with Gleason 3+4, 4+3, 4+4 and AJCC 8 th ed Stage II-II without neo-adjuvant treatment RP RP 1992-2015	PSA T stage Grade group	AUC Clinical features 0.55 (0.49, 0.6) Test only 0.69 (0.63, 0.74)
<i>Prolaris</i>			
Cuzick 2015 ⁶² 989 Retro Low ROB	Clinically localized, with age <76 and excluding metastatic disease or PSA >100 or treatment within 6 months of diagnosis Biopsy NR 1990-2003	CAPRA CAPRA	HR = 1.76 (1.44, 2.14) AUC Clinical features 0.74 (NR) Clinical features and test 0.78 (NR)
Cuzick, 2012 ⁶⁹ 349 Retro Moderate ROB	Clinically localized, with age <76 and excluding metastatic disease or treatment within 6 months of diagnosis Biopsy NR 1990-1996	Log(1+PSA) Gleason score <7, >7 vs 7	HR = 1.65 (1.31, 2.09)
Cuzick, 2011 ⁴ 366 Retro Low ROB	RP without neoadjuvant therapy RP RP 1985-1995	Log(1+baseline PSA) Gleason score 7, >7 vs <7	HR = 1.74 (1.39, 2.17)
Canter, 2019 ⁴⁸ 767 Retro Low ROB	Prostate adenocarcinoma with PSA < 100, cT1-T3M0 that did not undergo TURP, cryosurgery, or laser ablation Biopsy RP, RT with or without ADT, ADT or none 2006-2011	CAPRA	AUC Clinical features 0.91 (NR) Clinical features and test 0.94 (NR)
Lehto, 2021 ⁴⁰ 160 RCC High ROB	Treated with RP with Gleason 3+4, 4+3, 4+4 and AJCC 8 th ed Stage II-II without neo-adjuvant treatment RP RP 1992-2015	PSA Stage Grade group	AUC Clinical features 0.55 (0.49, 0.6) Test only 0.66 (0.61, 0.74)

Other Reported Outcomes

Decipher

Three additional studies assessed alternative or composite endpoints with Decipher testing (Table 13).^{37,38,57,60} A low ROB study of 241 patients treated with definitive radiation or prostatectomy from the Decipher GRID registry were evaluated for time-to-treatment failure defined as biochemical recurrence or initiation of salvage therapy after definitive treatment.³⁸ The HR for time to treatment failure was 2.98 (95% CI [1.22, 7.29]) in a model containing NCCN risk classification and other clinical features. Of interest, Vince et al is the only study addressing KQ3 that includes patients undergoing genomic classifier testing at the time of diagnosis and not a cohort aggregated from banked tissue specimens.³⁸

In the low ROB study by Glass et al discussed previously, clinical recurrence was assessed, and although noted to be distinct from biochemical recurrence, was not clearly defined.⁶⁰ Regardless, in a model with CAPRA-S Decipher did show a significant HR for clinical recurrence of 1.48 (95% CI [1.09, 2.01]) with a non-significant increase in the AUC from 0.73 (95% CI [0.49, 0.95]) for clinical features alone to 0.84 (95% CI [0.7, 0.96]) with clinical features and the Decipher score. A second, moderate ROB study also assessed the time to clinical recurrence with Decipher.⁵⁷ In this study, time to clinical recurrence was a composite endpoint of biopsy proven prostate bed recurrence or development of regional or distant metastatic disease on imaging. Among 512 men (including 104 Veterans) who had undergone prostatectomy, Decipher as a categorical variable was found to have HRs of 1.40 (95% [CI 0.7, 2.74]) and 2.93 (95% CI [1.58, 5.55]) for intermediate and high risk Decipher scores, respectively, in a model with clinical features. This corresponded to a non-significant increase in the AUC from 0.79 (95% CI [0.73, 0.86]) to 0.85 (95% CI [0.80, 0.89]) when adding in Decipher results.

Last, time to secondary therapy was reported in a moderate ROB study among patients treated with radical prostatectomy.³⁷ In a model including age, PSA, pathological grade group, positive surgical margins, extraprostatic extension, and seminal vesicle invasion, the HR for Decipher was 1.46 (1.34 to 1.66).

Oncotype

No studies with Oncotype were identified that evaluated endpoints other than BCR, metastases, or prostate-cancer-specific mortality.

Prolaris

One low ROB retrospective study employing Prolaris among 424 patients treated with radical prostatectomy also reported a composite endpoint of metastasis or prostate-cancer-specific mortality.⁵⁰ In a model including CAPRA-S and CCP scores, the HR for Prolaris was 2.15 (95% CI [1.36, 3.39]) for this composite endpoint.

Table 13. Studies Reporting Other Outcomes

Study Total N Design Risk of Bias (ROB)	Clinical Characteristics Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	Results
<i>Decipher</i>			
<i>Time to Treatment Failure</i>			
Vince, 2021 ³⁸ 241 Prospective Low ROB	Clinically localized, underwent testing as part of routine clinical care and were able to be matched with Decipher GRID registry Biopsy RP or RT 2015-2019	NCCN Age Log(PSA) Log(prostate volume) BMI Percent positive cores	HR = 2.98 (1.22 to 7.29)
<i>Time to Secondary Therapy</i>			
Shahait, 2021 ³⁷ 398 Prospective Moderate ROB	Treated with RP RP RP 2013-2018	Age Log2(pre-op PSA) Pathological GG 4-5 vs 1-3 Positive surgical margins EPE SVI	HR = 1.49 (1.34 to 1.66)
<i>Time to Clinical Recurrence</i>			
Dalela, 2017 ⁵⁷ 512 Retrospective Moderate ROB	Treated with RP with \geq pT3a, positive margins, and/or lymph node invasion who achieved a PSA nadir after RP RP RP 1990-2010	Log2(PSA) T stage: pT3a, pT3b-4 vs pT2 Pathologic Gleason score: 8-10 vs \leq 7 Lymph node invasion Surgical margins Adjuvant RT Adjuvant ADT	Decipher Intermediate vs low risk HR = 1.40 (0.7, 2.74) High vs low risk HR = 2.93 (1.58 to 5.55)
		Log2(PSA) T stage pT3a, pT3b-4 vs pT2	AUC Clinical features 0.79 (0.73 to 0.86) Clinical features and test 0.85 (0.8 to 0.89)

Study Total N Design Risk of Bias (ROB)	Clinical Characteristics Tissue Source Treatment Study Duration	Model Variables	Results
		Pathologic Gleason score: 8-10 vs ≤7 Lymph node invasion Surgical margins Adjuvant RT Adjuvant ADT	
Glass, 2016 ⁶⁰ 224 Retrospective Low ROB	RP with high-risk pre-op features (PSA > 20 or GS ≥ 8) pT3, or +SM RP RP 2001-2013	CAPRA-S Age at diagnosis	HR = 1.48 (1.09 to 2.01)
		CAPRA-S	AUC Clinical features 0.73 (0.49 to 0.95) Clinical features and test 0.84 (0.7 to 0.96)
<i>Oncotype (No Studies)</i>			
<i>Prolaris</i>			
<i>Metastasis or Prostate-cancer-specific Mortality</i>			
Leapman, 2018 ⁵⁰ 424 Retrospective Low ROB	Treated with RP Biopsy RP Prior to 2017	CAPRA-S	HR = 2.15 (1.36 to 3.39)
		CAPRA-S	AUC Clinical features and test 0.81 (NR)

DISCUSSION

We evaluated the impact of 3 genomic classifier tests—Decipher, Oncotype, and Prolaris—on risk reclassification, treatment recommendations, and key clinical outcomes among patients with prostate cancer at the time of diagnosis and after definitive initial treatment. While there was a wide range of impact on risk reclassification reported across studies, there was no clear pattern in these changes across tests. We did find that there was no change in risk classification for a majority of patients apart from a potentially greater rate of reclassification among those at intermediate risk by clinical features. Despite the large proportion of patients without a change, across the identified studies there were still clinically meaningful proportions of included patients who experienced a change in risk assessment that could contribute to important changes in treatment. Of note, most of the data on risk reclassification have been generated with the Oncotype test and were almost exclusively related to risk assessment at the time of initial diagnosis. With respect to the clinical utility of these tests, we found that providers do change their treatment recommendations after receipt of test results in observational studies, although this was not found in the single randomized trial. Evidence around clinical utility was distinct by test type and timeframe such that Oncotype and Prolaris were studied only at initial diagnosis and Decipher only after prostatectomy. Last, we found that these tests do seem to provide additional prognostic information with respect to biochemical recurrence, development of metastatic disease, and prostate-cancer-specific mortality; we have the most certainty of this effect with Decipher compared to the other 2 tests. The value of that additional prognostic information is limited by these findings that largely stem from patients diagnosed and treated prior to the current era of prostate cancer management defined by advanced screening practices as well as evolution in pathologic assessment, staging, and treatment modalities. Of note, we did not find any evidence of acute harms of the tests studied, although there is likely limited harm as the test does not require new tissue acquisition and does not identify or disclose genetic risk applicable to patient family members.

While not specified in our KQs, an outcome of interest for the nominators of this topic was evidence related to the cost and economic value of genomic tests in the management of prostate cancer. Unfortunately, none of the identified studies reported cost-related outcomes. One recent systematic review on health economic evidence for both liquid and tissue-based molecular tests provides us with some cost-related information. Four of the 22 studies included by Degeling et al were relevant to the tests of concern in this review.⁷² They reported that 3 of the 4 studies found that these tests led to increased overall costs but concluded that they were cost effective when considering improved clinical outcomes; 1 study found cost savings for low-risk populations and increased costs among intermediate-risk patients. Lobo et al provide some guidance in this area using model simulation based on individualized decision analysis to estimate additional quality-adjusted life years (QALYs) based on genomic classifier test risk estimates in patients post-prostatectomy.⁷³ Specifically, they found an additional 0.07 QALYs with use of genomic classifier testing.

CERTAINTY OF EVIDENCE FOR KEY OUTCOMES

To provide context for the findings described in this report, we conducted certainty of evidence (COE) ratings for those outcomes with adequate volume and comparability of relevant studies. These ratings reflect the degree of confidence we have for the summary findings. We made our COE assessments by genomic classifier test type across the KQ3 outcomes of biochemical

recurrence (BCR), metastases, and prostate-cancer-specific mortality (Table 14). Overall, we noted that while the effect estimates were consistent in showing a clinically relevant additive benefit of the genomic tests, our confidence assessments were frequently downgraded because most identified studies used older data that have limited relevance to modern clinical practice (indirectness).

For Decipher, we have low COE that this test provides additional prognostic information for risk of BCR, metastases, and prostate-cancer-specific mortality. For BCR, this determination was limited by ROB across the 4 relevant studies and imprecision of effect estimates. For metastases, while 15 observational studies contributed data to this effect estimate, our assessment was downgraded for ROB and serious indirectness, as much of the contributing patient data from the 1980s to 1990s reflect a different era of management standards. For prostate-cancer-specific mortality, our assessment of the findings from 5 studies was downgraded due to indirectness as noted for metastases and the imprecision of the effect estimate. Additional prospective studies with data drawn from current era of prostate cancer management could change this assessment.

For Oncotype, we have very low COE across all 3 outcomes. Indirectness due to temporal source of the data was noted for each outcome. In addition, for BCR, we downgraded for imprecision and inconsistency across the 3 relevant studies. For metastases and prostate-cancer-specific mortality, the same 3 studies contributed data, and we downgraded both of these outcomes for ROB and imprecision. Additional studies, especially prospective, conducted in the current management era would affect this assessment.

For Prolaris, we have very low COE across all 3 outcomes. Our assessment for all 3 outcomes was downgraded for ROB, indirectness, imprecision, and concerns for potential publication bias (BCR and metastases only). Of note, only 4 studies contributed relevant data. Additional studies, especially prospective studies conducted in the current management era would affect this assessment.

Table 14. Certainty of Evidence for Genomic Tests and Biochemical Recurrence, Metastasis, and Prostate-cancer-specific Mortality

Outcome	Number of Studies	Findings	Certainty of Evidence (Rational)
<i>Decipher</i>			
Biochemical recurrence	4 observational studies (525 patients)	HR range (0.32 to 1.36) AUC range clinical features (0.56, 0.64) AUC range clinical features and genomic test (0.69 to 0.85)	Low certainty (Downgraded for serious risk of bias and serious imprecision)
Metastases	15 observational studies (3,165 patients)	HR range (1.17 to 61.6) OR range (1.36, to 1.48) AUC range clinical features (0.46 to 0.88) AUC range clinical features and genomic test (0.67 to 0.89)	Low certainty (Downgraded for serious risk of bias and serious indirectness)
Prostate-cancer-specific mortality	5 observational studies (1,807 patients)	HR range (1.39 to 56.0) OR range (1.20) AUC range clinical features (0.55 to 0.81) AUC range clinical features and genomic test (0.71 to 0.78)	Low certainty (Downgraded for serious indirectness and serious imprecision)
<i>Oncotype</i>			
Biochemical recurrence	3 observational studies (876 patients)	HR range (1.10 to 2.73) AUC range clinical features (0.59) AUC range clinical features and genomic test (0.68)	Very low certainty (Downgraded for serious inconsistency, serious indirectness, and serious imprecision)
Metastases	3 observational studies (793 patients)	HR range (2.24 to 2.63) AUC range clinical features (0.55 to 0.77) AUC range clinical features and genomic test (0.65 to 0.824)	Very low certainty (Downgraded for serious risk of bias, serious indirectness, and serious imprecision)
Prostate-cancer-specific mortality	3 observational studies (847 patients)	HR range (2.69, 2.30)	Very low certainty (Downgraded for serious risk of bias, serious

Outcome	Number of Studies	Findings	Certainty of Evidence (Rational)
		AUC range clinical features (0.55 to 0.762)	indirectness, serious imprecision)
		AUC range clinical features and genomic test (0.69 to 0.822)	
Prolaris			
Biochemical recurrence	9 observational studies (2,758 patients)	HR range (1.24 to 10.9)	Very low certainty (Downgraded for very serious risk of bias, serious indirectness, serious imprecision, and suspected publication bias)
		AUC range clinical features (0.542 to 0.78)	
		AUC range clinical features and genomic test (0.65 to 0.86)	
Metastases	4 observational studies (2,571 patients)	HR range (2.05 to 4.19)	Very low certainty (Downgraded for serious risk of bias, serious inconsistency, serious indirectness, and serious imprecision)
		AUC range clinical features (0.55 to 0.894)	
		AUC range clinical features and genomic test (0.90)	
		Test only (0.73)	
Prostate-cancer-specific mortality	3 observational studies (1,989 patients)	HR range (1.65 to 2.57)	Very low certainty (Downgraded for serious risk of bias, serious inconsistency, very serious indirectness, and serious imprecision)
		AUC range clinical features (0.74, 0.55)	
		AUC range clinical features and genomic test (0.78)	
		AUC test only (0.66)	

Abbreviations. AUC=area under the curve; OR=odds ratio; HR=hazard ratio.

CLINICAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Identifying patients who would benefit from treatment and tailoring the intensity of that treatment to an individual patient remains a major challenge for prostate cancer management despite multiple existing risk stratification tools. Previously developed risk stratification (or prognostic) tools utilize combinations of readily available clinical parameters including tumor grade, PSA level, and clinical stage to provide some assessment of individual patient prognosis; however, these tools have limited prognostic ability. The purpose of this review has been to determine whether 3 commercially available genomic classifiers can refine prognosis assessment and lead to more personalized management of patients with prostate cancer.

KQ1

Among individuals with localized prostate cancer who are considering first-line definitive treatment, does genomic testing impact risk stratification? At present, the most commonly used clinical risk stratification incorporates clinical tumor stage, Gleason score or grade group classification, as well as serum PSA. The rationale for pursuing individualized tumor characterization through genomic classification testing is that it may further refine risk stratification. The majority of studies addressing KQ1 utilized the Oncotype genomic classifier, were retrospective in design, and most frequently utilized NCCN risk stratification as a comparator. For patients with very low to intermediate risk disease, more often than not, there was no significant change in risk stratification compared to the clinical classification scheme. In this patient population, genomic testing may only serve to potentially reassure these patients that active surveillance remains a reasonable option for them. Similarly, for those already treated with prostatectomy, most patients were classified into the same or lower risk classification between clinical risk factors and genomic classifier testing. For patients classified pre-treatment as intermediate risk, Oncotype testing could potentially reassure those who are averse to treatment that active surveillance remains a reasonable option. There were limited available data on change in risk stratification by race; however, what we did identify did not appear to be significantly influenced by race, providing some reassurance that these results appear applicable across different races.

KQ2

How has genomic testing impacted the choice of treatment intensity to date? Across observational studies, when testing occurred at the time of diagnosis, there have been more frequent recommendations for active surveillance. This would be in line with the finding that most patients tend to be classified at similar or lower risk levels after genomic testing. However, in the single randomized trial evaluating the incorporation of Oncotype testing into treatment decisions, there was no statistically significant effect of receipt of testing on treatment choice. Although there was a tendency to recommend adjuvant therapy when patients were classified as higher risk by Decipher at the time of prostatectomy, there was no clear pattern of adjuvant treatment or surveillance after prostatectomy based on genomic classifier use. Because adjuvant therapies such as radiation with or without hormonal therapy can be associated with increased long-term side effects and appear equivalent in outcomes to early salvage radiation at the time of biochemical recurrence for a large portion of patients, further investigation into use in this setting to identify those at most need of additional therapy would seem warranted. We note that evidence of change in management after testing primarily reflects current practice patterns surrounding test use and is only helpful if occurring in the context of a test with evidence of acceptable predictive ability.

KQ3

Finally, among individuals who have undergone definitive treatment for localized prostate cancer, can genomic testing of the pre-treatment biopsy or radical prostatectomy specimen refine prognosis in terms of biochemical recurrence-free survival, metastases-free survival, and prostate-cancer-specific mortality beyond clinical classification schemes? Overall, genomic classifiers showed meaningful additive value in prognostic ability beyond the previously available clinical models and by improvements in discriminatory characteristics.⁷⁴ However, only 2 of the 39 studies included prospectively collected cohorts, and only 9 of the 39 studies

included patients treated with definitive radiation therapy. In addition, patients in these studies were diagnosed and managed over several decades, while screening patterns, pathologic grading and biopsy methodology, radiological staging utilizing pelvic MRI, treatment recommendations and techniques, and follow-up of patients with prostate cancer have evolved significantly. Even more contemporary changes, including staging with PET imaging and artificial-intelligence-generated classification schemes, warrant consideration as the prognostic utility of genomic classifiers continues to be assessed. In addition, while these studies demonstrated improved prognostic ability of the genomic classifiers over clinical models, they were not designed to predict response to therapy, and therefore these findings are insufficient to guide intensification or de-escalation of treatment despite the demonstration of change in treatment intensity shown in KQ2.

PRIOR SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS

KQ1

Only 1 prior systematic review explicitly discussed any of the genomic classifiers of interest in reference to risk reclassification when compared to existing clinical risk models.⁷⁵ Olleik et al reviewed 4 studies reporting reclassification with use of Decipher, 1 with Oncotype, and 3 with Prolaris, mostly in the post-radical prostatectomy setting. Six of the articles in the Olleik review were included in this report, and we additionally included 6 studies related to Oncotype. Estimates of frequency of reclassification as described by Olleik et al displayed a similar variability across studies but were not described by baseline risk classification as we have done.

KQ2

Three recent systematic reviews evaluated the extent to which tissue-based genomic testing impacts the choice of treatment intensity.⁷⁵⁻⁷⁷ All published since 2017, these reviews include a total of 16 articles, all of which except 3 were eligible for our review. All 3 reviews used a formalized risk of bias tool to assess article quality. The 3 reviews included articles about Prolaris in low- and intermediate-risk localized prostate cancer and summarize these studies about change in treatment before and after Prolaris CCP results as ranging between 48% and 65%, including a portion where interventional treatment was reduced (37% to 72%) or increased (23% to 27%). Two reviews suggested similar findings (*eg*, a 21% to 24% decrease in interventional treatment). The Decipher test was examined in only 1 review (which included 4 studies about post-prostatectomy, all of which were included in our review), and authors summarized that the test's clinical utility was reflected in a change of post-prostatectomy treatment recommendations in 31% to 51% of the time, with 16% to 42% changing from any to no treatment.⁷⁵

Our report also includes a randomized trial from 2021, which, interestingly, found no change in treatment in men randomized to receipt of genomic testing with Oncotype during treatment decision-making. We also explored testing timing (post-initial biopsy and post-prostatectomy), more detailed treatment changes as a result of genomic testing, and treatment changes by race subgroups.

KQ3

Six recent systematic reviews examined 1 or more of our 3 outcomes of interest^{76,78-82} relevant to the prognostic effect of tissue-based genomic tests after adjusting for existing prognostic clinical features following definitive treatment.

Two systematic reviews examined only the Decipher test.^{80,82} The remaining reviews included 17⁷⁹ and 21⁷⁶ studies about the utility of adding or incorporating genomic classifiers into clinical risk classification schemes to enhance prognostic accuracy across various disease outcomes. Our study improves upon this recent work, as we have included 39 studies, including the majority of the articles about all 3 genomic classifier tests from the last review,⁷⁶ with an additional 12 articles from after 2019, beyond the end of the Fine et al search period.

In terms of substantive findings, each review has noted that genomic classifier tests have been able to improve on prediction of clinical outcomes compared to clinical features alone. For example, Jairath et al found a consistent independent association between the Decipher test results and various endpoints, including BCR, metastases, and prostate-cancer-specific mortality.⁸² For all 3 KQs, our review focused on Decipher, Oncotype, and Prolaris; however, some of the prior reviews included other tests, and few included all 3 tests. A few early reviews summarized the results of this rapidly changing field, but were not systematic reviews⁸¹ or did not include a formal risk of bias assessment.^{78,81}

Overall, our findings are largely consistent with prior reviews in that these tests provide additive information to existing clinical risk stratification tools related to reclassification, may change the treatment plan or actual treatment for some prostate cancer patients, and better predict clinical outcomes. Our review adds to these prior reviews with a significantly increased number of studies, more recent studies, formal risk of bias assessment for all included studies, and exploration of test effects by key subgroups.

LIMITATIONS

There are limitations to our review. While we developed an *a priori* protocol outlining populations of interest and a standardized approach to searching and evaluating the literature, we limited this evaluation to 3 commercially available genomic tests. Thus, our findings do not apply to other tests of genomic markers in the context of prostate cancer. In addition, we limited our search to publications after January 1, 2010, so any earlier publications related to the development of genomic tests of interest would not be captured.

We did not consider outcomes specific to the time of surgery such as adverse pathology, nor did we consider any literature related to use of these tests among patients with metastatic disease. Of note, there is ongoing investigation exploring the relationship between specific histologic distinctions, radiomics, and classification schemes derived by artificial intelligence in relation to prognosis; however, our review did not incorporate these burgeoning areas of scientific inquiry. We also note that there are current ongoing studies to assess the ability of genomic classifier tests in predicting response to treatment options, which was not within the scope of this review although at least 1 of the included studies reported some preliminary findings related to this question.⁴¹ In an attempt to capture the breadth of existing evidence, we included studies with notable aspects of heterogeneity, as noted below, which likely reduces our ability to identify a

narrow effect estimate which could be applied to clinical practice. Finally, we were unable to compare across genomic test types as no identified literature provided a direct comparison.

Publication Bias

Regarding the identified relevant literature, we consider important limitations by potential source of bias. Much of the identified literature for KQ3 was conducted as retrospective cohort studies from individual or grouped institutional data from previously treated patients; many of these were from the same institutions (as noted by multiple linked studies evaluating the same cohort data).^{4,22,27,36,56,64,69,71} Many of the included studies may overlap substantially, although in some cases, the amount of overlap is unclear.^{52,57,59,61,63,77} It is unknown if other institutions conducted retrospective analyses of their own patient populations, which may have had different practice patterns, including patterns in which different patients underwent genomics tests. In addition, many of the included studies were supported by the companies that developed one of the 3 genomic tests of interest. It is notable that the bulk of the outcomes data for KQ3 for the Oncotype and Prolaris tests were among earlier endpoints such as biochemical recurrence, while Decipher-based studies were the predominant test studied for data with later or “harder” outcomes such as prostate-cancer-specific mortality. If studies for the other 2 tests of interest have been conducted with longer-term outcomes, we were unable to identify them in the published literature. It is possible that studies of Oncotype and Prolaris with longer-term outcomes have not been completed yet. We note that there are 4 Prolaris studies registered in clinicaltrials.gov that appear to have completed data collection but are without peer-reviewed publications or posted results⁸³⁻⁸⁵ or were terminated due to poor enrollment.⁸⁶

Study Quality

There are notable concerns related to study quality of the identified literature. For KQ2, study designs used to determine the impact of genomic classifier testing on treatment recommendations were primarily observational, with case reviews in abstract from actual clinical care or provider self-report of care recommended before and after receiving test results; we found only 1 randomized trial addressing KQ2.

For KQ3, many studies were retrospective and could not control for practice patterns. In addition, many studies employed genomic classifier tests run on stored biopsy or prostatectomy tissue, some of which could be up to 30 years old at the time of analysis. Thus, rates of unusable specimens due to inadequate tissue sample were often substantial. It is suspected that older samples and those from patients with earlier or more favorable stage cancers, with lower cancer burden, may have been more likely to have samples inadequate for genomic testing, which could bias the results to find a greater relationship between test scores and worse prognosis. We considered a loss of 20% to 30% to be acceptable given the context for these studies⁸⁷; loss of sample at higher levels was a common cause of downgrading for risk of bias. Follow-up among studies pertinent to KQ3 was limited (the majority was less than 10 years) relative to the natural history of prostate cancer. Additional common sources of bias across included studies was lack of clarity around how the sampled population in retrospective studies were identified and sampled and potential confounding due to factors driving which patients received the test.

Heterogeneity

Potential sources of heterogeneity in effects include study design (*eg*, cohort, nested case-control, case-control), use of different clinical risk classification systems as comparators (*eg*, NCCN, CAPRA, AUA), different approaches to primary definitive treatment (*eg*, radical prostatectomy vs primary radiation therapy with or without hormonal treatment), and different definitions of the outcomes of interest (*eg*, various ways of measuring changes in treatment intensity, as well as biochemical recurrence). In addition, screening patterns have changed, and effective treatment options for prostate cancer have improved significantly over the last few decades; yet this literature draws from patient care provided between 1985 and 2019, which introduces significant heterogeneity. Screening patterns may also vary among the clinical settings where these patients were selected. In particular, while clinical risk prediction tools and genomic classifier tests use similar language for risk determination, different cut points are used and are based on different data input. There are other likely sources of heterogeneity that were not reported, such as potential differences in pathology practice patterns, potential differences in clinical practice patterns around the extent of procedures used to identify pathologic node presence (*eg*, was a lymph node dissection conducted), and the tendency of practitioners across institutions to order genomic tests at all and for specific types of patients during routine clinical practice. Lastly, the follow-up window described in the KQ3 studies varied and the long-term outcomes (*ie*, metastasis and PCSM) are rare events.

Applicability to the VA Population

Several of the identified studies included Veterans^{18,23,43,44,46,52,54,56,57,59,67,71} diagnosed and/or treated within the VA health care system (VAHCS), and 1 study used Veteran-only data from the VAHCS. Across all included studies, the patient populations were reasonably similar based on patient characteristics (*eg*, age, comorbidities) to the Veteran population such that these findings are expected to be generalizable to the VA clinical setting. It is relevant that deployed Vietnam-era Veterans have potential exposure to Agent Orange, which is suspected to confer an increased risk of prostate cancer. While some patients included in non-VA-based cohorts may have had this exposure while not being identified as such, it is likely that this additional risk of a specific Veteran population is underappreciated based on our findings. Of note, 1 study included subgroup analyses by exposure to Agent Orange.¹⁸

FUTURE RESEARCH

To inform future work in this area, we consider the PICOTs framework (Table 15). For studies addressing KQ1 or KQ3, prospective cohort studies with sufficient follow-up would be preferable study designs, while randomized trials would be preferred for KQ2.

Table 15. Evidence Gaps for Effects of Genomic Tests on Key Outcomes

PICOTS Domain	Evidence Gap/Area for Future Exploration
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans with known Agent Orange exposure • Patients from historically marginalized populations • Patients with family history of early-onset prostate cancer • Patients with high risk germline mutations for prostate cancer
Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indication for treatment of patients on active surveillance

PICOTS Domain	Evidence Gap/Area for Future Exploration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oncotype/Prolaris in patients after definitive treatment • Decipher in patients prior to definitive treatment • Identifying candidates for focal therapy
Comparator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative genomic tests of interest for direct comparison • Direct comparison between Decipher, Oncotype, Prolaris, or other genomic tests • A broadly accepted test of core measures for adjustment in analyses, and/or 1 clinical risk classification system for each key clinical population
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term outcomes such as prostate-cancer-specific mortality, overall mortality • Harms (eg, overtreatment, undertreatment) • Cost
Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up beyond 5 years, ideally up to 15 years

We also note that there was minimal evidence analyzing the effect of genomic testing for prostate cancer on outcomes of interest among subpopulations including historically minoritized racial/ethnic groups. Black men experience more aggressive prostate cancer and suffer a higher mortality rate compared to White men.⁸⁸ It is important to recognize that race is a social construct and is not based on underlying genetics; however, ancestral genomic patterns of risk could be transferred through inherited genetics. Of note, recent findings suggest that race-based differences in prostate cancer outcomes are nullified by the receipt of standardized treatment and equal access to care.⁸⁹ Future studies examining treatment intensification after genomic testing could stratify by race/ethnicity of patients to explore and identify discriminatory practice patterns (The article by Rayford et al gives an example of such an approach.²⁵)

Ongoing Work

To project forthcoming evidence from currently active studies in this area, we conducted a rapid review of clinical trials.gov to identify studies in active recruitment, those not yet recruiting, or those that were closed but which do not yet have evidence of related publications. We have listed the identified ongoing studies relevant to each KQ in Appendix F. Importantly, these all are prospective studies. Note that this list is not exhaustive, as observational studies are routinely not registered in clinical trials.gov, and it may not capture work in this area being conducted in other countries. There is also evidence of analyses in earlier stages of dissemination (eg, conference abstracts⁹⁰) which, if published in a peer-reviewed publication, could be eligible for future systematic reviews. Finally, there have been at least 3 additional relevant manuscripts published and 1 released as a preprint since our search date⁹¹⁻⁹⁴; of note, the results of these more recent articles are generally consistent with our findings.

CONCLUSIONS

Genomic classifier tests offer the potential to improve prognostic assessment for patients with prostate cancer and to provide critical information for patient-provider deliberations on key management decisions. While there is some evidence elucidating when such tests may lead to a change in risk classification and how frequently providers are changing treatment recommendations based on test reports, the key data needed to inform the value of these genomic classifier tests lies with their ability to accurately predict risk of key long-term clinical outcomes

that are relevant to patients. Definitive evidence of the prognostic ability of these tests is still needed from current management-era data. In the meantime, providers and their patients can take note that genomic classifier tests appear to provide some additional prognostic benefits that could offer value when treatment decisions are uncertain.

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APPENDIX A. GENOMIC CLASSIFIER GUIDELINE TABLES

Organization	Clinical Context in Which Test Is Recommended (eg, Patient Characteristics, Role in Decision Making)	Citation
<p>ASCO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active surveillance, prostate cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Commercially available molecular biomarkers (<i>ie</i>, Oncotype Dx Prostate, Prolaris, Decipher, and Promark) may be offered in situations in which the assay result, when considered as a whole with routine clinical factors, is likely to affect management. Routine ordering of molecular biomarkers is not recommended (Type: Evidence Based; Evidence quality: Insufficient; Strength of recommendation: Moderate)” • Diagnosis of clinically significant prostate cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Commercially available molecular biomarkers (<i>ie</i>, Oncotype Dx Prostate, Prolaris, Decipher, and Promark) may be offered in situations in which the assay result, when considered as a whole with routine clinical factors, is likely to affect management. Routine ordering of molecular biomarkers is not recommended (Type: Evidence Based; Evidence quality: Intermediate; Strength of recommendation: Moderate)” • Postprostatectomy when choosing adjuvant versus salvage radiation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The expert panel recommends consideration of a commercially available molecular biomarker (<i>eg</i>, Decipher Genomic Classifier) in situations in which the assay result, when considered as a whole with routine clinical factors, is likely to affect management. In the absence of prospective clinical trial data, routine use of genomic biomarkers in the postprostatectomy setting to determine adjuvant versus salvage radiation or to initiate systemic therapies should not be offered (Type: Evidence-based; Evidence quality: Intermediate; Strength of recommendation: Moderate)” 	<p>Molecular Biomarkers in Localized Prostate Cancer: ASCO Guideline</p> <p>https://ascopubs.org/doi/full/10.1200/JCO.19.02768</p> <p>Egger SE, Rumble RB, Armstrong AJ, Morgan TM, Crispino T, Cornford P, van der Kwast T, Grignon DJ, Rai AJ, Agarwal N, Klein EA, Den RB, Beltran H. Molecular Biomarkers in Localized Prostate Cancer: ASCO Guideline. <i>J Clin Oncol.</i> 2020 May 1;38(13):1474-1494. doi: 10.1200/JCO.19.02768. Epub 2019 Dec 12. PMID: 31829902.</p>
<p>AUA/ ASTRO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Clinicians may selectively use tissue-based genomic biomarkers when added risk stratification may alter clinical decision-making. (Expert Opinion)” • “Clinicians should not routinely use tissue-based genomic biomarkers for risk stratification or clinical decision-making. (Moderate Recommendation; Evidence Level: Grade B) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “the Panel concluded that clinicians should not routinely use tissue-based genomic biomarkers for risk stratification or clinical decision- 	<p>Clinically Localized Prostate Cancer: AUA/ASTRO Guideline (2022)</p> <p>https://www.auanet.org/guidelines/guidelines/clinically-localized-prostate-cancer-uaa/astro-guideline-2022</p> <p>Eastham JA, Auffenberg GB, Barocas DA, et al. Clinically localized prostate cancer: AUA/ASTRO guideline, part I:</p>



Organization	Clinical Context in Which Test Is Recommended (eg, Patient Characteristics, Role in Decision Making)	Citation
NCCN	<p>making; however, clinicians may use such tests selectively when added risk stratification make alter shared decision making.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Patients with NCCN low, favorable intermediate, unfavorable intermediate, or high-risk disease and life expectancy ≥10 y may consider the use of the following tumor-based molecular assays: Decipher, Oncotype DX Prostate, and Prolaris.” • “The Decipher molecular assay is recommended to inform adjuvant treatment if adverse features are found post-radical prostatectomy, and can be considered as part of counseling for risk stratification in patients with PSA resistance/recurrence after radical prostatectomy (category 2B).” • For Clinically Localized Disease <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All three relevant gene expression tests noted to be recommended for prognostic and not predictive purposes • Decipher: noted to be trained for distant metastases (level of validation evidence 1) • Prolaris: validated for multiple endpoints but not trained for a specific endpoint (level of validation evidence: 3) • Oncotype: noted to be trained for adverse pathology (level of validation evidence 3) 	<p>introduction, risk assessment, staging, and risk-based management. J Urol. 2022;208(1):10-18</p> <p>NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines: Prostate Cancer Version 1.2023</p> <p>prostate.pdf (nccn.org)</p>
ESMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Tissue-based molecular assays may be used in conjunction with clinicopathological factors for treatment decision making in localised prostate cancer [IV, C]” 	<p>Prostate Cancer: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up</p> <p>https://www.annalsofoncology.org/article/S0923-7534(20)39898-7/fulltext#secsectitle0150</p>

Notes. ^a Now called Genomic Prostate Score (GPS) test (MDxHealth).



Prostate Cancer Genomic Classifiers Summary

	Decipher	Genomic Prostate Score	Prolaris
Specimen type	Biopsy, radical prostatectomy	Biopsy	Biopsy, radical prostatectomy
Assay gene coverage	22 genes (7 cancer pathways)	12 prostate cancer related genes and 5 reference genes	31 CCP genes, 15 reference genes
Scoring	0-0.45 (Low), 0.45-0.60 (intermediate), and 0.60-1.0 (high) risk Range 0-1 (higher score=higher risk)	Low, intermediate, and high risk Range 0-100 (higher score=higher risk)	Majority of scores from 1-11 (higher score=higher risk)
Company	Veracyte	MDxHealth	Myriad Genetics

APPENDIX B. SEARCH STRATEGIES

Database: MEDLINE (via Ovid)

Search date: 4/24/2022

Note: Ovid MEDLINE(R) ALL 1946 to April 22, 2022

Search Set	Search Strategy	Results
#1	exp Prostatic Neoplasms/ OR ((prostate OR prostatic) ADJ5 (cancer OR cancers OR cancerous OR neoplasm OR neoplasms OR neoplasia OR adenocarcinoma OR adenocarcinomas OR carcinoma OR carcinomas OR malignancy OR malignancies OR tumor OR tumors OR tumour OR tumours)).ti,ab,kw,kf.	189,179
#2	(decipher OR prolar?s OR "oncotype Dx" OR OncotypeDx OR GPS).ti,ab,kw,kf.	41,034
#3	((genomic OR genomics OR CCP OR cycle cell proliferat* OR cycle cell progression*) ADJ4 (test OR tests OR testing OR biomarker OR biomarkers OR bio-marker OR bio-markers OR marker OR markers OR classifier OR classifiers OR score OR scores OR scoring OR assay OR assays)).ti,ab,kw,kf.	10,079
#4	((tissue-based OR "tissue based" OR tissue?based) ADJ4 (biomarker OR biomarkers OR bio-marker OR bio-markers OR marker OR markers OR classifier OR classifiers OR score OR scores OR scoring OR assay OR assays)).ti,ab,kw,kf.	412
#5	exp Biomarkers, Tumor/ AND exp Genomics/	5,741
#6	2 or 3 or 4 or 5	56,616
#7	1 and 6	1,213
#8	Limit 7 to da=20100101-20221231	1,013
#9	8 not (exp animals/ not exp humans/)	1,008
#10	9 not (case reports OR editorial OR letter OR comment OR congress).pt.	954

Database: Embase (via Elsevier)

Search date: 4/24/2022

Note: Search from the Results page

Search Set	Search Strategy	Results
#1	'prostate cancer'/exp OR ((prostate OR prostatic) NEAR/5 (cancer OR cancers OR cancerous OR neoplasm OR neoplasms OR neoplasia OR adenocarcinoma OR adenocarcinomas OR carcinoma OR carcinomas OR malignancy OR malignancies OR tumor OR tumors OR tumour OR tumours)).ti,ab,kw	301,862
#2	(decipher OR prolar?s OR 'oncotype Dx' OR OncotypeDx OR GPS):ti,ab,kw	56,629

#3	((genomic OR genomics OR CCP OR 'cycle cell proliferation' OR 'cycle cell proliferations' OR 'cycle cell progression' OR 'cycle cell progressions') NEAR/4 (test OR tests OR testing OR biomarker OR biomarkers OR bio?marker OR bio?markers OR marker OR markers OR classifier OR classifiers OR score OR scores OR scoring OR assay OR assays)):ti,ab,kw	15,432
#4	('tissue based' OR tissue?based) NEAR/4 (biomarker OR biomarkers OR bio?marker OR bio?markers OR marker OR markers OR classifier OR classifiers OR score OR scores OR scoring OR assay OR assays)):ti,ab,kw	880
#5	'tumor marker'/exp AND 'genomics'/exp	2,092
#6	#2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5	74,019
#7	#1 AND #6	2,101
#8	#7 AND [01-01-2010]/sd	1,929
#9	#8 AND [humans]/lim	1,847
#10	#9 NOT ('case report'/exp OR 'case study'/exp OR 'editorial'/exp OR [editorial]/lim OR 'letter'/exp OR [letter]/lim OR 'note'/exp OR [note]/lim OR [conference abstract]/lim OR 'conference abstract'/exp OR 'conference abstract'/it)	940

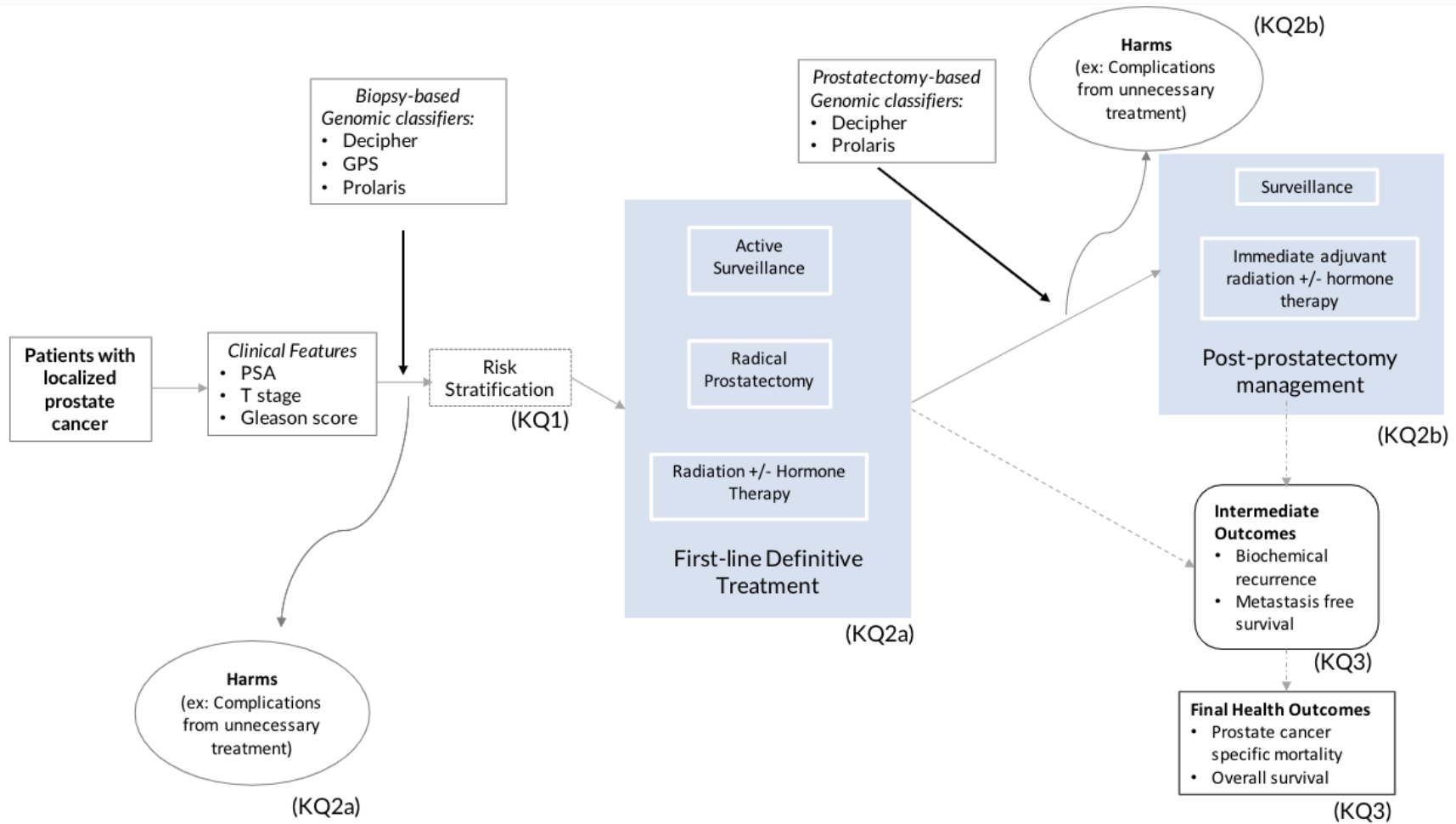
Database: Web of Science (via Clarivate) – Science Citation Index Expanded (1900 – present) and Social Science Citation Index (1900 – present)

Search date: 4/24/2022

Note: Select indices under 'Editions'; use Advanced Search

Search Set	Search Strategy	Results
#1	TS=((prostate OR prostatic) NEAR/5 (cancer OR cancers OR cancerous OR neoplasm OR neoplasms OR neoplasia OR adenocarcinoma OR adenocarcinomas OR carcinoma OR carcinomas OR malignancy OR malignancies OR tumor OR tumors OR tumour OR tumours))	243,238
#2	TS=(decipher OR prolaris OR "oncotype Dx" OR OncotypeDx OR GPS)	100,600
#3	TS=((genomic OR genomics OR CCP OR "cycle cell proliferation" OR "cycle cell proliferations" OR "cycle cell progression" OR "cycle cell progressions") NEAR/4 (test OR tests OR testing OR biomarker OR biomarkers OR bio-marker OR bio-markers OR marker OR markers OR classifier OR classifiers OR score OR scores OR scoring OR assay OR assays))	13,969
#4	TS=((tissue-based OR "tissue based") NEAR/4 (biomarker OR biomarkers OR bio-marker OR bio-markers OR marker OR markers OR classifier OR classifiers OR score OR scores OR scoring OR assay OR assays))	477
#5	#2 OR #3 OR #4	114,631
#6	#1 AND #5	1,290
#7	#7 AND (2022 or 2022 or 2021 or 2020 or 2019 or 2018 or 2017 or 2016 or 2015 or 2014 or 2013 or 2012 or 2011 or 2010 (Publication Years))	1,142
#8	#8 NOT (Meeting Abstracts or Editorial Materials or Book Chapters or Letters or News Items (Exclude – Document Types))	922

APPENDIX C. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



APPENDIX D. EXCLUDED STUDIES

Exclude reasons: 1=Ineligible population, 2=Ineligible index prognostic factor, 3=Ineligible comparator prognostic factors, 4=Ineligible outcome, 5=Ineligible timing, 6=Ineligible study design.

Citation	
Alam, 2019 ¹	4
Alshalalfa, 2017 ²	2
Alshalalfa, 2019 ³	3
Anonymous, 2018 ⁴	6
Arsov, 2014 ⁵	1
Beksac, 2018 ⁶	3
Beksac, 2022 ⁷	3
Blume-Jensen, 2015 ⁸	2
Brand, 2016 ⁹	4
Brastianos, 2020 ¹⁰	3
Canfield, 2018 ¹¹	4
Chu, 2021 ¹²	4
Cooperberg, 2018 ¹³	2
Covas Moschovas, 2021 ¹⁴	4
Creed, 2020 ¹⁵	2
Cuzick, 2014 ¹⁶	6
Cuzick, 2021 ¹⁷	1
Den, 2014 ¹⁸	4
Den, 2016 ¹⁹	3
Ding, 2021 ²⁰	2
Eggerer, 2019 ²¹	4
Falagario, 2019 ²²	4
Freedland, 2016 ²³	1
Gaffney, 2021 ²⁴	3
Ginsburg, 2021 ²⁵	3
Goldberg, 2021 ²⁶	4
Greenland, 2020 ²⁷	4
Greenland, 2022 ²⁸	3
Hall, 2020 ²⁹	4
Herlemann, 2020 ³⁰	4
Hu, 2018 ³¹	2
Jambor, 2020 ³²	3
James, 2011 ³³	1
Jhun, 2017 ³⁴	2
Karnes, 2013 ³⁵	1

Citation	
Kim, 2017 ³⁶	4
Kim, 2019 ³⁷	4
Klein, 2017 ³⁸	4
Knudsen, 2016 ³⁹	3
Koch, 2016 ⁴⁰	1
Kornberg, 2019 ⁴¹	4
Lalonde, 2014 ⁴²	2
Leapman, 2021 ⁴³	3
Lee, 2016 ⁴⁴	4
Lee, 2021 ⁴⁵	4
Lin, 2020 ⁴⁶	4
Lobo, 2015 ⁴⁷	4
Lobo, 2016 ⁴⁸	3
Lonergan, 2020 ⁴⁹	4
Lopez, 2017 ⁵⁰	4
Luca, 2020 ⁵¹	4
Magi-Galluzzi, 2018 ⁵²	3
Mahal, 2018 ⁵³	2
Mahal, 2020 ⁵⁴	4
Marascio, 2020 ⁵⁵	4
Marrone, 2015 ⁵⁶	6
Martin, 2019 ⁵⁷	4
Martini, 2019 ⁵⁸	2
Muralidhar, 2019 ⁵⁹	4
Murphy, 2020 ⁶⁰	4
Nguyen, 2018 ⁶¹	2
Nyame, 2018 ⁶²	4
Pardy, 2020 ⁶³	3
Pellegrini, 2017 ⁶⁴	2
Prensner, 2014 ⁶⁵	2
Press, 2022 ⁶⁶	4
Purysko, 2019 ⁶⁷	3
Rai, 2019 ⁶⁸	2
Ross, 2014 ⁶⁹	1
Rounbehler, 2018 ⁷⁰	2
Salama, 2013 ⁷¹	6
Salmasi, 2018 ⁷²	4
Shahait, 2021 ⁷³	5
Shoag, 2020 ⁷⁴	2
Shore, 2014 ⁷⁵	4

Citation	
Taylor, 2020 ⁷⁶	3
Tomlins, 2015 ⁷⁷	3
Torres, 2017 ⁷⁸	3
Trabulsi, 2017 ⁷⁹	2
Tward, 2021 ⁸⁰	4
Van den Broeck, 2019 ⁸¹	3
Whalen, 2016 ⁸²	4
White, 2021 ⁸³	4
Wibmer, 2019 ⁸⁴	3
Yamoah, 2022 ⁸⁵	3
Zhao, 2016 ⁸⁶	2

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APPENDIX E. STUDY CHARACTERISTICS

Study Study Acronym Country KQ Design Total Enrolled	Cohort Years VA Patients	Patient Enrollment Criteria	Patient Demographics Age Race PSA Gleason T Stage	Test Type Tissue Used Clinical Risk Tool	Outcomes Reported Risk of Bias	Funding and Conflicts
Badani, 2015b ²⁴ Northeast, USA KQ1 KQ2 Prospective before and after test (own patients) 175	Approximate- ly 2013 No VA patients	Men with very low, low, and intermediate risk who were being considered for active surveillance had Oncotype test run prospectively, questionnaires complete pre and post result	Mean age: 63.9 (7.26) Race: 76.6% White 12.0% Black 5.7% Hispanic 1.3% Asian PSA:NR Gleason: 70.3% Group 1 29.7% Group 2 T stage: 89.2% T1c 10.1% T2a 0.6% T2b	Median Oncotype score: NR Biopsy NCCN 22.2% Very low risk 44.9% Low risk 32.9% Favorable Intermediate	Difference in classification Proportion choosing active surveillance Overall: KQ1 Low ROB KQ2 Serious	Genomic Health
Badani, 2015a ²⁹ ASSESS-D US KQ2 Deidentified case history review with and without test 110 cases; 51 Urologists	NR No VA patients	Consecutive patients presenting with pT3 disease or positive surgical margins after surgery; unavailable prostate tissue or failure to achieve PSA nadir after RP were excluded; urologists were US board-certified recruited from AUA membership directory and high-volume surgeons referred by co-authors	Mean age: NR Race: NR PSA: NR Gleason: NR T stage: NR	Median Decipher score: NR Prostatectomy Clinical risk classification: NR	Change in management/ treatment decision-making Overall: Low ROB	GenomeDx biosciences, national research council of CANADA Industrial Research Assistance Program
Badani, 2013 ³⁰ DECIDE United States KQ2 Deidentified case history review with and without test	NR; cases from prior GC validation study in high- risk post-RP men No VA patients	Patients post radical prostatectomy who either had adverse pathology or evidence of biochemical recurrence through PSA	Age range: 57-74 Race: NR PSA: <10: 79% 10-20: 12.5% >20: 4.1% NA: 4.1% Gleason: 6: 25% (3+4): 25% (4+3): 21%	Mean Decipher score: NR Prostatectomy D'Amico risk groups: Low: 12.5% Intermediate:46% High: 42%	Change in management/ treatment decision-making Overall: Critical ROB	Company (GenomeDx Biosciences)



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24			8: 25% 9: 12.5% 10: 4.1% T stage: pT2 58.3% pT3 42%			
Berlin, 2019 ⁴⁹ Toronto, Canada KQ3 Retrospective observational	2005 and 2011 No VA patients	Men diagnosed with NCCN-defined IR prostate cancer treated with curative-intent DE-IGRT without neoadjuvant, concomitant, or adjuvant ADT	Median age: 72.4 (Range: 68.4-75.0) Race: NR PSA: 7.8 (Range: 5.7-11.2) Gleason: 1 (3+3) 9.9% 2 (3+4) 62.0% 3 (4+3) 28.1% T stage: cT1c/T2a 78.5% cT2b/T2c 21.5%	Decipher score: Low 72.7% Intermediate 14.9% High 12.4% Biopsy NCCN: Favorable 27.3% Unfavorable 71.9% Unknown 0.8%	Biochemical recurrence- free survival Metastasis-free survival Overall: High ROB	The Terry Fox Research Institute (TFRI),
Bishoff, 2014 ⁷¹ USA and Germany KQ3 Retrospective observational Linked paper: Tosoian 2017 ⁵⁶	Martini-Clinic: 2005-2006, Durham VA 1994-2005, Intermountain HealthCare 1997-2004 VA patients	Patients with localized prostate cancer who underwent radical prostatectomy	Median age: 62 Race: NR PSA median: 6.4 Gleason Less than 7: 58% 7: 35% Greater than 7: 7% T stage T1: 61% T2: 32% T3: 1%	Polaris: 0 (IQR range – 0.9 to 0.9) Biopsy Clinical risk classification: NA	Biochemical recurrence- free survival Overall: High ROB	Undisclosed
Brooks, 2021 ³⁹ Cleveland, USA KQ3 Retrospective observational	Between 1987 and 2004 No VA patients	All patients who underwent RP	Mean age: 61 (SD 6) Race: White 82% Black 13% Asia/Hispanic: 5% PSA ≥4: 14% >4-10: 68% >10-20: 13%	Median Oncotype: 26 (19 to 39) Prostatectomy AUA: Low/very low 55% Intermediate 35% High 10%	Metastasis-free survival Prostate-specific mortality Overall: Low ROB	N/A

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			>20: 5% Gleason 3: 62% 3+4: 8% 3+5: 1% 4: 23% 4+3: 3% 4+5: 2% 5, 5+4: 1% T stage T1A: <1% T1B: <1% T1C: 65% T2A: 24% T2B: 7% T2C: 3%			
Canfield, 2017 ³¹ NR US KQ2 Retrospective, comparative cohort before-after testing availability	2013-2016 No VA patients	Patients age >18, AUA low risk, clinical activity for at least 12 months before and 6 months after diagnosis, at least 1 PSA within 12 months before or after dx	Age % ≤50: 2% 50-59: 21% 60-64: 20% 65-69: 22% 70-79: 27% ≥80: 7% Race: NR PSA ≤10: 100% Gleason 6: 100% T stage T1-T2a: 100%	Oncotype score: NR Biopsy AUA: Low risk 100%	Proportion choosing active surveillance Overall: Moderate ROB	Genomic Health Inc (Redwood City, CA)
Canter, 2020 ⁴⁶ USA, New Orleans, LA; Durham, NC; Salt Lake City, UT; Hamburg, Germany KQ3	Martini Clinic-2005-2006; Durham VA-1994-2005; Intermountain-1997-2004; Ochsner Clinic-2006-2011	Patients with localized prostate carcinoma treated with radical prostatectomy or radiotherapy (external beam radiation +/- androgen deprivation therapy or brachytherapy) with available	Median age: 63 (IQR 58 to 70) Race: Black: 29% Non Black: 71% PSA median 5.9 (IQR 4.5, 9.0) Gleason	Prolaris score median: 0.1 (IQR -0.6, 0.9) Prostatectomy CAPRA: Low: 46% Intermediate: 42%	Metastasis-free survival Overall: Low ROB	



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Retrospective observational	Some VA patients	clinicopathological and molecular data	<7: 46% (3+4): 23% (4+3): 8.4% >7: 12% T stage T1: 69% T2: 29% T3: 2.4%	High: 12%		
Canter, 2019 ⁴⁸ NA New Orleans, LA, USA KQ3 Retrospective observational	2006-2011 No VA patients	Patients with clinically localized prostate carcinoma with available biopsy sample	Median age: 64.5 (IQR range 58, 70) Race: Black 36.6% Non-Black: 63% PSA median: 6.35 Gleason <7: 51% (3+4): 24% (4+3): 10% >7: 15% T stage T1: 73% T2: 23% T3: 4%	Polaris median score: 0.3 (-0.2, 1.0) Biopsy CAPRA median: 3 (2-5)	Metastasis-free survival Prostate-specific Mortality Overall: Low ROB	Myriad Genetic Laboratories, Inc
Cooperberg, 2015 ⁶⁶ NA Rochester, MN; USA KQ3 Retrospective observational	2000-2006 No VA patients	High risk (PSA >20, Gleason >=8, stage pT3b) prostate carcinoma selected randomly (20% including 11 cases; case cohort) from a population of 1010 patients enrolled prospectively	Median age: 63.5 Race: NA PSA <10: 56% 10-20: 28% >20: 17% Gleason ≤6: 8.1% 7: 49% ≥8: 43% T stage: NR	Decipher score <0.4: 54% 0.4-0.6: 22% >0.6: 24% Prostatectomy CAPRA score <3: 0.5% 3-5: 55% >5: 44%	Prostate-specific mortality Overall: Low ROB	Mayo Prostate Cancer SPORC grant; Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation; National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program, Mayo Foundation For Medical Education and Research and GenomeDx Biosciences Inc.
Cooperberg, 2013 ⁶⁸ NA	1994-2011	Patients with prostate carcinoma who underwent RP without adjuvant or	Median age: 63 Race: NR PSA	Polaris score: ≤-1: 7% >-1 to 0: 50%	Biochemical recurrence-free survival	Peter R. Carroll, Myriad



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San Francisco, CA KQ3 Retrospective observational	No VA patients	neoadjuvant therapy with >5 years follow-up	≤6: 48% >6 to 10: 30% >10 to 20: 16% >20: 6% Gleason 2 to 6: 52% 7: 42% 8 to 10: 5% T stage: NR	> 0 to 1: 34% >1: 9% Prostatectomy CAPRA-S Low (0 to 2): 63% Intermediate (3 to 5): 28% High (6 to 12): 8%	Overall: Low ROB	
Crawford, 2014 ³⁴ NA US KQ2 Prospective pre/post- test result 331	July 19 to December 9, 2013 No VA patients	CCP ordered on patient with documented prostate cancer	Mean age: 67.4 (SD 7.43) Race: NR PSA mean: 7.7 (8.07) Gleason ≤6: 51.7% (3+4): 28.7% (4+3): 12.1% 8-10: 7.5% T stage T1a: 1.5% T1b: 0.3% T1c: 82.5% T2a: 7.3% T2b: 4.2% T2c: 3.9% T3b: 0.3%	Mean Prolaris score: -0.69 (SD 0.82) Biopsy AUA Low: 43.5% Intermediate: 44.1% High: 12.4%	Change in management/treatment decision-making Overall: Serious ROB	Myriad Genetics
Cullen, 2015 ⁶⁵ CPDR (center for prostate cancer research) longitudinal study US KQ3	1990 to 2011 No VA patients	Post RP with NCCN very low, low, intermediate risk	Mean age: 61.0 (SD 7.5) Race: White: 75.9% Black: 20.4% Other: 3.7% PSA <4: 22.9% 4-9.99: 67.9% 10-20: 9.2% Gleason 3+3: 73.4%	Median Oncotype NR Biopsy NCCN Very low: 11.0% Low: 53.6% Intermediate: 35.5%	Biochemical recurrence- free survival Overall: Low ROB	Center for prostate cancer research; uniformed services university of the health sciences; Genomic Health Inc.



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Retrospective observational			3+4: 23.4% 4+3: 3.2% T stage T1: 68.7% T2: 31.3%			
Cuzick, 2012 ⁶⁹ England KQ3 Retrospective observational Linked paper: Cuzick, 2011 ⁴	1990 and 1996 No VA patients	Men who had conservatively treated clinically localized prostate cancer, which was diagnosed by use of needle biopsy, were younger than 76 years at the time of diagnosis and had a baseline PSA measurement. Patients treated with or radiation therapy, within the first 6 months after diagnosis, or were excluded	Age: NR Race: NR PSA: NR Gleason <7: 30% 7: 43% >7: 26% T stage T1: 11% T2: 30% T3: 46%	Median ProLaris score: 1.03 (IQR range 0.41 to 1.74) Prostatectomy Clinical risk classification: NR	Prostate-specific mortality Overall: Moderate ROB	Queen Mary University of London
Cuzick, 2015 ⁶² NA UK KQ3 Retrospective observational	1990-2003 No VA patients	Age <76 years at diagnosis and had clinically localized prostate cancer diagnosed by needle biopsy	Age 70.8 (IQR 66.5 to 73.6) Race: NR PSA ≤4: 2.6% >4-10: 30% >10-25: 35% >25-50: 18% >50-100: 14% Gleason 3+3: 26% 3+4: 34% 4+3: 22% >7: 19% T stage NR	Median ProLaris: 0.40 (IQR -0.10 to 1.00) Biopsy CAPRA 0-2: 14% 3-5: 35% 6-7: 23% 8-10: 28%	Prostate-specific mortality Overall: Low ROB	Cancer Research UK, ORCHID, National Institutes of Health (SPORE), the Koch Foundation and Myriad Genetics. This work was supported by Cancer Research UK, Queen Mary University of London, Orchid Appeal, US National Institutes of Health, and Koch Foundation.
Cuzick, 2011 ⁴	1985-1995 for US	For us cohort: All patients undergoing radical prostatectomy for prostate	Median Age: 68 (IQR 62, 72)	Median ProLaris score: 0.16 (IQR -3.30, 0.64)	Biochemical recurrence-free survival	Queen Mary University of London, NIH



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Temple, Texas, USA, and UK KQ3 Linked paper: Cuzick, 2012 ⁶⁹	cohort, 1990-1996 for UK cohort No VA patients	cancer. For UK cohort: Men who had clinically localized prostate cancer diagnosed by transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP), were under age 76 years at the time of diagnosis and had a baseline PSA measurement	Race Non-White: 7.3% PSA: 6.9 (4.3, 12.4) Gleason <7: 67.6% 7: 22.8% >7: 9.6% T stage: T1: 33% T2: 67% T3: <1%	Biopsy Prostatectomy Clinical risk classification: NR	Prostate-specific mortality Overall: Low ROB	SPORE, Koch Foundation
Dalela, 2017 ⁵⁷ Various US academic sites and VA KQ3 Retrospective observational	1990-2010 Some VA patients	Patient who had radical prostatectomy with adverse features had Decipher test run to see if adding it to standard adverse clinical features could improve prediction of those that would benefit from adjuvant radiation therapy	Median Age: 61 (IQR 57, 65) Race: NR Median PSA: 8.1 (IQR 5.5 to 12.7) Gleason 3+3: 8.0% 3+4: 43.2% 4+3: 21.9% 8: 11.1% 9-10: 15.4% T stage T2: 27.7% T3a: 39.3% T3b: 28.3% T4: 4.7%	Median Decipher score: 0.41 (IQR 0.26, 0.56) Prostatectomy Clinical risk classification: NR	Time to Clinical Recurrence Overall: Moderate ROB	Unclear (mainly GenomeDx Biosciences)
Dall'Era, 2015 ³² NA US KQ2 Retrospective cohort (comparative)	2012-2013 (pre); 2013- 2014 (post) No VA patients	Physicians who ordered at least 4 Oncotype Dx tests between May 2013 and Feb 2014 were asked to participate. Those providers then selected at least 7 patients diagnosed with prostate cancer between May 2012 and April 2013, with low or low- intermediate risk prostate cancer, baseline PSA <20, clinical stage T1c-T2c, and	Median age: 64.9 (10.1) Race Black: 16% White: 78% Other: 6% PSA 0 - 4: 27% >4 - <10: 70% 10 - 20: 2% >20: <1% Gleason	Baseline median Oncotype score: 7 (range 4 to 13) GPS group median Oncotype score: 7 (range 1 to 7) Biopsy NCCN: Very low or low: 82%	Proportion choosing active surveillance Overall: Serious ROB	Unknown



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211		no other genomic testing for prostate cancer as the pre cohort. study physicians given eligible cases for GPS (post) cohort	3+3 or less: 85% 3+4 15% T stage T1a/b: 2% T1c: 92% T2a: 4% T2b: 1%			
Den, 2015 ⁶³ Philadelphia and Rochester MN, USA KQ3 Retrospective observational 186	1990 and 2009 No VA patients	All patients with pT3 disease and/or positive surgical margins who received post-RP RT	Median age: 61 (IQR 56 to 66) Race: NR Median PSA: 7.8 (IQR 5.3 to 12.3) Gleason ≤6: 14.9% 3+4: 31.9% 7 (4+3): 26.6% ≥8: 25.5% Unknown: 1.1% T stage: NR	Decipher score Low: 39% average: 41% High: 20% Prostatectomy CAPRA-S Low: 5% Intermediate: 50% High: 45%	Metastasis-free survival Overall: Low ROB	GenomeDx Biosciences
Erho, 2013 ⁶ NA Rochester, MN, USA KQ3 Retrospective case control	1987-2001 No VA patients	Patients with prostate carcinoma post radical prostatectomy and classified into no evidence of disease group, PSA recurrence group and clinical metastasis group	Age: 66 (IQR 61 to 70) Race: NR PSA: <10: 92 10-20: 33 >20: 50 NA: 11 Gleason ≤6: 9.7% 7: 52% 8: 12% 9: 25% 10: 0.5% T stage pT2N0M0: 40% pT3/4N0M0: 46% pTanyN+M0: 15%	Median Decipher score: NR Prostatectomy Clinical risk tool: NR	Metastasis-free survival Overall Survival Prostate-specific Mortality Overall: Low ROB	National Research Council of Canada, Industrial Research Assistance Program and the Mayo Clinic Prostate Cancer SPORE
Eure, 2017 ²⁰	2014-2015	Patients with low risk prostate cancer	Age <65: 55%	Median Oncotype: NR	Proportion choosing active surveillance	Unclear



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US KQ1 Comparative cohort before (retrospective) and after (prospective) institutional testing 258	No VA patients	recommended to be on active surveillance asked to participate prospectively by getting Oncotype testing and then shared decision making whether to stay on AS	≥65: 45% Race: White 81% Black: 15% Asian: 0.8% Other: 3.4% PSA 0-4: 19% 4.1-9.9: 72% 10-20: 8.7% Gleason 3+3: 75% 3+4: 25% T stage T1c: 87% T2a: 11% T2b: 2% T2c: 0.9%	Biopsy NCCN Very low: 29% Low: 40% Intermediate: 31%	Change classification reclassification Overall: Moderate ROB	

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				Tissue Used Clinical Risk Tool	Risk of Bias	
Feng, 2021 ⁴¹ NA US and Canada (NRG Oncology Radiation Therapy Oncology Group member sites) KQ3 Prospective observational 760	1998-2003 (study conduct) No VA patients	History of RP with lymphadenectomy at pathologic tumor stage T2 or T3 without nodal involvement, and detectable PSA at least 8 weeks after surgery of 0.2 to 4; karnofsky performance score of 80+, no prior chemo/radiation therapy/hormone therapy other than short period hormonal treatment; no evidence metastasis, no liver disease and had a life expectancy of 10+ years	Median age: 64.5 (IQR 60-70) Race White: 89.2% Hispanic: 1.7% Black: 7.1% Asian: 1.1% American Indian: 0.3% Other 0.6% Median PSA at trial entry: 0.7 (IQR 0.4, 1.1) Gleason 2-6: 29.5% 7: 53.7% 8-10: 16.5% Unavailable: 0.3% T stage T2: 33.5% T3: 66.5%	Median Decipher score: 0.435 (0.28, 0.58) Prostatectomy Clinical risk tool: NR	Metastasis-free survival Overall Survival Prostate-specific mortality Overall: Low ROB	This study was supported by grant from NRG Oncology Operations, grant from NRG Oncology SDMC, grant from NCORP, grant from NRG Specimen Bank, and grant R01 from the National Cancer Institute and Decipher Biosciences.
Freedland, 2013 ⁶⁷ Durham, NC KQ3 Retrospective observational	1991-2006 VA patients	Men who had XRT for prostate cancer and CCP score of their biopsy and regression analysis done to see if CCP score added value above usual clinical parameters of high recurrence risk	Median age: 66 (IQR 60, 71) Race Black: 57.4% Other: 42.6% Median PSA: 0.04 (IQR 5.25, 13.47) Gleason <7: 38.3% 7: 49.6% >7: 12.1% T stage T1: 60% T2: 36.7% T3: 3.3%	Median Prolaris score: 0.12 (-0.43, 0.66) Biopsy D'Amico Low: 27.3% Intermediate: 51.8% High: 20.9%	Biochemical recurrence-free survival Overall: Moderate ROB	Myriad
Gaffney, 2019 ¹⁷ Northeast US	2015-2018 No VA patients	Patients who had GPS sent out during the 3-year period	Mean age: 65.2 (SD 7.3) Race: NR Mean PSA: 6.5 (3.2) Gleason:	Oncotype Very low: 34.3% Low: 28.4% Intermediate: 36.7%	Change in management/treatment decision-making	Institutional

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KQ1 Retrospective observational			3+3: 65% 3+7: 35% T stage: NR	High: 0.8% Biopsy NCCN Very Low: 23.1% Low: 33.6% Intermediate 43.3% High: 0%	Change classification reclassification Overall: Moderate ROB	
Glass, 2016 ⁶⁰ Northwest US KQ3 Retrospective observational Linked paper: Spratt, 2017 ⁹⁵	1997-2009 No VA patients	Decipher test was performed for men undergoing prostatectomy who had high risk features preoperatively (PSA > 20 or GS 8 or higher) or post prostatectomy high risk features pT3 or +SM	Median age: 57 (46, 67) Race White 93.8% Black: 2.2% Other: 4% Median PSA: 6.1 (IQR 4.8, 8.9) Gleason (at RP): ≤6: 39.3% 7: 38.8% 8: 15.6% ≥9: 5.4% Unknown: 0.9% T stage: NR	Median Decipher: 0.32 Prostatectomy CAPRA-S Low: 20.5% Intermediate: 60.7% High: 18.8%	Biochemical recurrence- free survival Clinical Recurrence Overall: Low ROB	Institutional
Gore, 2020 ²⁷ USA KQ2 Prospective before- after test (own patients) 246 Linked paper: Gore, 2017 ³⁶	May 2014 to February 2016 No VA patients	Post radical prostatectomy patients being considered for immediate adjuvant radiation therapy (ART) or early salvage radiation therapy (SRT). ART patients had T3 disease. SRT patients had biochemical recurrence after initial nadir post RP (PSA > or equal to 0.2 ng/mL on 2 assessments)	Median age: 63.0 (IQR 48, 74.9) Race White: 89% Other: 11% Unknown: 0.4% PSA at diagnosis: NR ≥10: 25% Unknown: 2% Gleason Group 1: 4.5% Group 2: 47% Group 3: 29% Group 4: 9.8% Group 5: 9.8%	Decipher Low: 39% Intermediate: 24% High: 36% Prostatectomy Clinical risk tool: NR	Addition of ADT to definitive radiation Proportion choosing active surveillance Receipt of adjuvant radiation with or without ADT Overall: Moderate ROB	Decipher Biosciences Inc, San Diego, CA



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			T score pT2: 36% pT3a: 42% pT3b: 13% Unknown: 7.7%			
Howard, 2020 ⁴⁴ Durham VA KQ3 Retrospective observational	1989-2016 VA patients	VA men who underwent RRP at high risk for recurrence - assessed predictive ability of Decipher compared to CAPRA for metastasis and recurrence, also analyzed by Black race	Median age: 62 (57, 65) Race Black: 55% White: 43% Other: 2% Unavailable: <1% Median PSA: 7.1 (IQR 5.1, 10.8) Gleason 1: 12% 2: 61% 3: 15% 4: 5% 5: 7% T stage pT2: 56% pT3a: 18% pT3b: 18% pT4: 8%	Decipher Low: 51% Intermediate 24% High: 25% Prostatectomy CAPRA-S Low: 10% Intermediate: 62% High: 28%	Metastasis-free survival Prostate-specific mortality Overall: Low ROB	Decipher Biosciences
Karnes, 2018 ⁵⁴ US multi group study KQ3 Retrospective observational	1987-2010 Some VA patients	Patients who had prostatectomy with adverse pathology retrospectively had Decipher testing to correlate with prostate-cancer-specific mortality	Median age: 62 (IQR 58, 67) Race: NR PSA <10: 55% 10-20: 28% >20: 17% Gleason ≤6: 7% 7: 57% 8-10: 37% T stage: NR	Decipher 0.39 (IQR 0.23, 0.59) Prostatectomy CAPRA-S <3: 19% 3-5: 42% >5: 39%	Prostate-specific mortality Overall: Moderate ROB	DOD/PCRP, Prostate Biorepository Network, Hopkins SPORE, GenomeDx
Klein, 2016 ²²	Between 1987 and 2008	Preoperative prostate-specific antigen (PSA) >20 ng/mL or stage pT3 or	Median age: 62 (IQR 58, 67)	Median Decipher 0.38 (IQR 0.29-0.49)	Change classification reclassification	Many of authors are employees of GenomeDx



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Cleveland/ USA KQ1 KQ3 Retrospective observational Linked paper: Klein, 2015 ⁶⁴	No VA patients	margin positive or pathologic Gleason score ≥8	Race White: 77.2% Black: 19.3% Asian: 3.5% Median PSA: 6.3 (IQR 5.1, 11.1) Gleason ≤6: 24.4% 7: 24.6% ≥8: 7.0% Unknown: 7.0% T stage T1c: 63.1% T2a: 31.6% T2b: 5.3%	Biopsy Prostatectomy NCCN Low: 40.4% Intermediate: 47.4% High: 7.0% Unknown: 5.3%	Metastasis-free survival Overall: KQ3 Moderate ROB KQ1 Low ROB	Biosciences. Two of the authors received an unrestricted research grant from GenomeDx Biosciences (GENDX1208) to support the costs of this study.
Klein, 2015 ⁶⁴ Cleveland, USA KQ3 Linked paper: Klein, 2016 ²²	1987 and 2008 No VA patients	Preoperative prostate- specific antigen (PSA) >20 ng/ml, stage pT3 or margin positive, and no clinical or radiographic evidence of metastasis or pathologic Gleason score 8; pathologic node- negative disease; undetectable post-RP PSA; no neoadjuvant or adjuvant therapy; and a minimum of 5-yr follow-up for those who remained metastasis free.	Median age: 62 (range 42, 74) Race White: 89.9% Black: 8.3% Asian: 2% Other: 0.6% Median PSA: 6.54 (range 0.1, 66.6) Gleason ≤6: 13.6 7: 62.1 8: 11.8 9: 12.4 T stage: NA	Median Decipher 0.35 (range 0.03, 0.91) Prostatectomy Median CAPRA-S: NR	Metastasis-free survival Overall: Low ROB	GenomeDx Biosciences Inc.
Kornberg, 2019 ⁴⁷ San Francisco, CA, USA KQ3 Retrospective observational	2001-2016 No VA patients	Prostate carcinoma patients on active surveillance who had radical prostatectomy at least 6 months after starting on AS. Participants were diagnosed with Gleason 3 + 3 or low volume 3 + 4 cancer, organ-confined	Mean age: 60.7 (SD 6.8) Race Asian: 2% Black: 2% White: 89% Other: 6% Median PSA: 5.3 (4.2, 7.0)	Median Prolaris 26.4 (18.8, 34.6) Biopsy CAPRA Low: 83% Intermediate: 17%	Biochemical recurrence- free survival Overall: Moderate ROB	Goldberg-Benioff Program in Translational Cancer Research, Genomic Health, Inc. institutional support and United States Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research



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		disease, PSA less than 20 ng/ml and a clinical CAPRA risk of 0 to 5.	Gleason: 3+3: 72% 3+4: 28% T stage T1c: 67% T2: 3% T2a: 24% T2b: 3% T2c: 3%			Program Grant W81XWH-13-2-0074
Leapman, 2018 ⁵⁰ Na San Francisco, CA, USA KQ3 Retrospective observational	Until August 1, 2017 No VA patients	Patients with clinically localized prostate carcinoma who were treated with radical prostatectomy	Median age: 59 (54, 64) Race Native American:<1% Asian/Pacific Islander: 3% Black: 4% White: 84% Mixed: 6% Unknown: 3% Median PSA: 5.9 (IQR 4.6, 8.1) Gleason 1: 64% 2: 23% 3: 6% 4-5: 7% Missing n=17 T stage T1c: 38% T2: 61% T3: 1% Missing n=17	Median Prolaris -0.33 (IQR -0.69, 0.18) Biopsy CAPRA-S Low: 66% Intermediate: 27% High: 28%	Biochemical recurrence-free survival Metastasis or PCSM Overall: Low ROB	Zero Cancer Foundation, Jim Lafferty Memorial Research Grant.
Lehto, 2021 ⁴⁰ NA Finland KQ3	1992-2015 No VA patients	Men treated with RP with pathology showing Gleason score 4 (GS 3+3, 4+3, 4+4) and histopathologic tumor\ stage 2-3; had to have complete clinical data available; no neoadjuvant treatment	Median age- cases: 63 (IQR 9.7) Median age- controls: 62 (IQR 8.0) Race: NR Median PSA- cases: 9.5 (IQR 6.0)	Decipher; Prolaris; Oncotype (Medians NR) Prostatectomy	Metastasis-free survival Prostate-specific mortality Overall: High ROB	Cancer Foundation Finland; Academy of Finland, Hospital District of Helsinki and Uusimaa, Grant/Award Sigrid Jusélius Foundation



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			Median PSA- controls: 9.0 (IQR 7.0) Gleason 3+4: 39% 4+3: 41% 8: 20% T stage T2 35% T3a: 34% T3b: 31%	Clinical risk tool: NA		
Leon, 2018 ⁵¹ NA France KQ3 Retrospective observational	2000-2007 No VA patients	Patients post RP for prostate cancer	Median age: 63 (IQR 58, 67) Race: NR Median PSA: 8.0 (IQR 5.8, 11.0) Gleason <7: 36% 3+4: 30% 4+3: 27% >7: 7% T stage: NR	Median Prolaris score: 0.08 (IQR -0.36, 0.57) Prostatectomy Median CAPRA-S: 3 (IQR 1, 4)	Biochemical recurrence- free survival Overall: High ROB	Myriad Genetics
Lynch, 2018 ¹⁸ 6 US VAMCs KQ1 KQ2 cohort before/after test availability 390	Retrospective: January 2014 and March 2015. Prospective: March 2015 and February 2016 VA patients	Newly diagnosed NCCN very low, low, intermediate risk prostate cancer; intermediate had Gleason 3+3, PSA 10-20 or bx Gleason 3+4 with 3 or fewer pos biopsy cores and 33% or less positive cores for tumor and PSA less than 20; for prospective cohort - had not yet made a management decision	Median age: 66 (range 43, 83) (untested) 66 (range 50-85) (tested) Race: White: 75% Black: 17% Other: 6.9% PSA: NR Gleason 3+3: 69% 3+4: 31% T stage: NR	Median Oncotype 26.5 (range 0, 61) Biopsy NCCN Very low: 20% Low: 40% Intermediate: 40%	Change in management/treatment decision-making Proportion choosing active surveillance Change classification reclassification Overall: KQ1 Low ROB KQ2 Moderate ROB	Genomic Health Inc, the company that has exclusive rights to conduct the 17-gene Genomic Prostate Score assay. Funding was provided to the Veteran Healthcare Administration, not to individual authors
Michalopoulos 2014 ²⁶ US	2013 No VA patients	Patients who underwent radical prostatectomy in a community-based practice and who presented	Median age: 63 (IQR 59, 67) Race: NR PSA	Median Decipher probability of metastasis: 4.2% (IQR 2.8, 9.6%)	Recommended treatment for post-surgery clinically high-risk patients vs observation	GenomeDx Biosciences



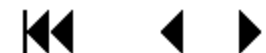
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KQ1 KQ2 Prospective before- after test (own patients) 146		adverse pathological findings	<10: 79.5% 10-20: 12.3% >20: 8.2% Gleason 6: 13.7% 3+4: 37% 4+3: 29.4% 8: 8.9% 9: 9.6% 10: 0.7% Unknown: 0.7%	Prostatectomy CAPRA-S Low: 16.4% Intermediate: 55.5% High: 21.9% Unknown: 6.2%	Change classification reclassification Overall: KQ1 Low ROB KQ2: Serious ROB	
Morris, 2021 ³³ NA USA KQ2 Retrospective comparative cohort before/after initiation	2015-2018 No VA patients	Localized Prostate cancer patients with CCP results (and mpMRI/US, PI-RADS score) from a single practice; 2 cohorts - one newly diagnosed and one "on AS"	Median age: 68 (IQR 62, 72) Race: NR Median PSA: 7.6 (IQR 5.4, 11.7) Gleason <7: 39.6% 3+4: 40.5% 4+3: 18.0% >7: 1.8% T stage: NR	Median Prolaris score -0.5 (IQR -0.9, 0.0) Biopsy NCCN: Low: 32.9% Favorable Intermediate: 24.3% Unfavorable Intermediate: 34.7% High: 8.1%	Treatment selection (binary AS or definitive treatment, definitive treatment includes ADR, radiation and or RP) Overall: Moderate ROB	NR
Murphy, 2021 ²³ Illinois KQ1 KQ2 Randomized trial 200	Not disclosed Some VA patients	Men with new diagnosis of low to favorable intermediate-risk prostate cancer	Median age: 63.6 (6.6) Race Black: 70.0% European American: 16.5% Hispanic or Latino: 12.5% Asian: 1.0% PSA: 5.98 (SD 2.44) Gleason (3+3): 81% (3+4): 19% T stage: NR	Median Oncotype: NR Biopsy NCCN Very low: 40% Low: 35% Low intermediate: 25%	Proportion choosing active surveillance Change classification Overall: High ROB	Biomarker Development Award, DOD, Prostate cancer Research Program



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Nguyen, 2017a ⁵⁵ Boston, MA; Baltimore, MD; Ann Arbor, MI; San Diego, CA; San Francisco, CA; Cleveland, OH; Houston, TX; Miami, FL KQ3 Retrospective observational	1987-2014 No VA patients	Two cohorts were selected: Patients with intermediate or high risk NCCN prostate carcinoma treated with first line RT and/or ADT. Patients of prostate carcinoma with adverse pathology on RP	Median 64 (IQR 58, 70) Race: Black: 14% Arabic: 0.43% Asian: 1.7% White: 71% Hispanic: 1.3% Other: 12% PSA: 7 (IQR 4.6, 13.2) Gleason Grade group 1 19% Grade group 2 28% Grade group 3: 25% Grade group 4: 14% Grade group 5: 15% T stage ≤T1c: 46% ≥T2a: 53% Unknown: 0.85%	Median Decipher: 0.39 Biopsy NCCN Low: 11% Intermediate: 54% High: 32% Unknown: 3%	Metastasis-free survival Overall: High ROB	GenomeDx Biosciences, The Wood Foundation, Freeman Family, Fitz's Cancer Warriors, David and Cynthia Chapin, Hugh Simons in honor of Frank and Anne Simons, The Campbell Family in Honor of Joan Campbell, Scott Forbes and Gina Ventre Fund, the Baker Family, Prostate Cancer Foundation, and a Grant from an Anonymous Family Foundation.
Nguyen, 2017b ⁵⁸ NA Boston, MA, USA KQ3 Retrospective observational	2001-2013 No VA patients	Patient with intermediate and high risk NCCN prostate carcinoma treated with radiation and ADT	Median: 67 (IQR 60, 71) Race Black: 16% White: 79% Other: 5% Median PSA: 7.3 (IQR 4.7-14.9) Gleason ≤6: 7% 3+4: 23% 4+3: 36% 8: 15% ≥9: 19% T stage ≤T2a: 64% ≥T2b: 35%	Median Decipher: 0.39 (IQR 0.22- 0.61) Biopsy NCCN Intermediate: 55% High: 45%	Biochemical recurrence- free survival Metastasis-free survival Overall: Moderate ROB	Anonymous Family Foundation, the Prostate Cancer Foundation, Fitz's Cancer Warriors, Cynthia and David Chapin, Hugh Simons in Honor of Frank and Anne Simons, The Gina Ventre and Scotty Forbes Fund, The Campbell Family in Honor of Joan Campbell and GenomeDx Biosciences
Nguyen, 2015 ²⁸ Na	N/A	Physicians responding to emails invitations were eligible for study. Self- identified genitourinary	Median age 61 (IQR NR) Race: NR PSA	Median Decipher: NR Prostatectomy	Change in management/treatment decision-making	GenomeDx Biosciences and the National Research Council Canada



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Multicenter, USA KQ2 Deidentified case history review with and without test 46		radiation oncologists using ASTRA directory that provide consultation to at least 80 prostate carcinoma patients per year. Urologists were identified using AUA directory that performed at least 40 RPs per year	<10: 90.0% ≥10: 9.1% Gleason 6: 18.2% 3+4: 36.3% 4+3: 9.1% 8: 9.1% 9: 18.2% 10: 9.1% T stage: pT2N0M0: 45.5% pT3N0M0: 54.5%	D'Amico risk groups Low: 18.2% Intermediate: 36.4% High: 45.4%	Overall: Moderate ROB	Industrial Research Assistance Program (grant no. 765817). Partial support was also provided by the Prostate Cancer Foundation, David and Cynthia Chapin, Fitz's Cancer Warriors, Frank and Anne Simons, and a grant from an anonymous family foundation.
Oderda, 2017 ²¹ NA Italy KQ1 Retrospective observational	RP's 2013-2015 No VA patients	Newly diagnosed cases of prostate cancer with analyzed biopsy and had a successful prior RP	Mean age: 67.7 (SD 6.5) Race: NR PSA 9.6 (SD 12.6) Gleason 6: 30.8% 7: 48.0% 8-10: 21.2% T stage T2: 55.8% T3: 44.2%	Prolaris score -0.16 (0.72) Biopsy EAU Low: 25.0% Intermediate: 46.1% High: 28.8%	Change classification reclassification Biochemical recurrence-free survival Overall: High ROB	NR
Ramotar, 2022 ⁴² Toronto Canada and Philly US KQ3 Retrospective observational	N/A No VA patients	Men diagnosed with prostate cancer, treated with maximal local therapies (RP and PORT), and having pathology slides available for review.	Median age: 61.5 (42, 77.2) Race: NR Median PSA: 7.6 (0.4, 165.4) Gleason 1: 11.2% 2: 37.9% 3: 29.1% 4-5: 21.8% Number Missing: 15 T stage: NR	Decipher Low: 21% Intermediate: 29% High: 50% Biopsy Prostatectomy CAPRA-S 0-2: 10.4% 3-5: 44.3% ≥6: 45.4% Number missing: 119	Biochemical recurrence-free survival Overall: High ROB	Internal funding (through department funds).)



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Rayford, 2018 ²⁵ NA USA KQ1 Retrospective observational	NR	Tissue from urologic oncology community practice in Memphis, TN obtained from biopsy samples.	Median Black age: 66 (61, 71) Median White age: 65 (60, 71) Median Black PSA: 5.6 (4.0, 8.8) Median White PSA: 4.8 (3.6, 6.9) Gleason <7: 30% 3+4: 49% 4+3: 1.9% >7: 19% T stage T1c: 83% T2: 15%	Median Prolaris (Black): 3.5% Median Prolaris (White): 3.1% Biopsy AUA Low: 26% Intermediate: 41% High: 33%	Change classification reclassification Overall: Moderate ROB	NR
Ross, 2016a ⁵⁹ 3 academic centers and 1 VA (Hopkins, Mayo, T Jeff, and DVAHCS) KQ3 Retrospective observational	1990-2010 Some VA patients	After radical prostatectomy, patients with adverse pathologic features had adjuvant RT, RT for minimal PSA disease, RT with higher PSA recurrence compared against patients with no RT at all before the development of metastasis	Median age: 61 (range of IQR 57, 66) Median PSA 8 (range of IQR 5.2, 15.5) Race: NR Gleason ≤3+4: 55% 4+3: 22% 8: 11% ≥9: 12% T stage: NR	Median Decipher: NR Biopsy CAPRA-S: NR	Metastasis-free survival Overall: Moderate ROB	Unclear



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Ross, 2016b ⁶¹ NA USA, Hopkins KQ3 Retrospective observational Linked paper: Spratt, 2017 ⁹⁵	1992-2010 No VA patients	Patients post prostatectomy with localized intermediate or high-risk disease, undetectable PSA after surgery, and no postoperative treatment until the development of metastatic disease	Median age: 60 (56, 64) Race White: 88.8% Black: 8.1% Other: 1.9% Unknown: 1.2% PSA 9.5 (IQR 6.2, 14.2) Gleason ≤6: 26.2% 7: 53.3% 8: 13.8% ≥9: 6.2% T stage: NR	Median Decipher: 0.34 (IQR 0.22, 0.52) Prostatectomy Clinical risk tool: NR	Metastasis-free survival Overall: Moderate ROB	Investigator and Genome Dx Bioscience
Seiden, 2021 ¹⁶ Brooklyn, New York KQ1 Retrospective, single Institution 63	2016 -2020 No VA patients	Black men with low or intermediate risk prostate cancer who would otherwise be managed with active surveillance	Median age: 66 (IQR 61, 69) Race: NR Median PSA 44 (IQR 28, 60) Gleason 3+3: 76% 3+4: 24% T stage T1a: 17% T1b: 10% T1c: 51% T2a: 6% T2b: 2% T2c: 10% NA: 5%	Median Oncotype: 25% (IQR 19, 34) Biopsy NCCN Very low: 11% Low: 28% Favorable Intermediate: 49% Unfavorable Intermediate: 2%	Change classification reclassification Overall: Moderate ROB	None
Shahait, 2021 ³⁷ NA KQ1 KQ3 USA	2013- 2018 No VA patients	Patients with prostate cancer were treated with radical prostatectomy, adverse pathological features and had post prostatectomy genomic classifier test information	Median age: 63.6 (IQR 58, 68) Race: NR Median PSA: 5.8 (IQR 4.5, 8.48) Gleason 1: 2% 2: 52% 3: 30%	Median Decipher: 0.59 (IQR 0.41, 0.72) Prostatectomy Median CAPRA-S: 5 (IQR 3, 6)	Risk Stratification Time to secondary therapy Overall: Moderate ROB	None



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Prospective observational			4:11% 5: 6% T score: NR			
Shangguan, 2020 ⁴⁵ NA China KQ3 Retrospective observational	2010-2014 No VA patients	Adverse pathology (seminal vesicle invasion, extracapsular extension, positive surgical margins), post radical prostatectomy at a single institution	Median age: 68 (IQR 64, 73) Race: NR Median PSA: 15.3 (10.3, 26.0) Gleason ≤6: 26% 7: 55% ≥8: 19% T score: NR	Median Prolaris: 0.45 (IQR 0.3, 1.3) Prostatectomy CAPRA-S Low: 10% Intermediate: 44% High: 46%	Biochemical recurrence-free survival Overall: High ROB	National natural science foundation of China; shanghai municipal education commission-gaofeng clinical medicine grant support
Shore, 2016 ³⁵ USA KQ2 Prospective registry before/after test 1596	Not reported No VA patients	Patients were newly diagnosed with prostate cancer within the past 6 months, untreated, with sufficient biopsy tissue; presumed clinically localized	Mean age: 65.9 (SD 8.36) Race Black: 8.9% Asian: 2.8% Alaska Native/ Pacific Islander: 0.4% White: 77% Latino/Hispanic: 9.1% Mixed: 0.3% Other: 0.5% Unknown: 1.0% Mean PSA: 7.8 (SD 8.15) Gleason 6: 47.8% 3+4: 27.9% 4+3: 11.9% 8: 8.3% ≥9: 4.1% T stage T1a: 1.2% T1b: 0.6% T1c: 72.1% T2a: 13.9% T2b: 6.4% T2c: 4.7%	Mean Prolaris: -0.7 (Range -2.8, 2.0) Biopsy AUA Low: 40.2% Intermediate: 42% High: 17.7%	Change in management/treatment decision-making Overall: Moderate ROB	Myriad Genetics



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			T3a: 1.0% T3b: 0.1%			
Spratt, 2018a ⁵² Houston, Durham, Philly, USA KQ3 Retrospective observational	1990 and 2015 Some VA patients	To have undergone RP, sufficient tissue for genomic analysis, and serial PSA measurements post-RP to document undetectable versus persistently detectable PSAs postoperatively	Median age: 60 Race Black: 21% White: 73% Other: 4.6% Unknown: 0.8% Median PSA: 6.4 Gleason 1: 6.7% 2: 46% 3: 33% 4: 7.1% 5: 6.7% Unknown: 0.4% T stage T2: 48% T3a: 28% T3b: 21% T4: 1.6% Unknown: 0.8%	Decipher Low: 46% Intermediate: 28% High: 26% Prostatectomy CAPRA-S Low: 26% Intermediate: 43% High: 26% Unknown: 6%	Metastasis-free survival Overall: Moderate ROB	GenomeDx Biosciences
458 Spratt, 2018b ¹⁹ USA KQ1 KQ3 Prospective observational 6,928	1997-2016 No VA patients	Patients with either biopsy or radical prostatectomy tissue for localized prostate cancer with exclusion of patients having received neoadjuvant treatment.	Median age: 64 (IQR 58, 70.0) Race Black: 13.6% White: 71.1% Other: 4.2% Unknown: 11.1% Median PSA: 7.0 (IQR 4.6, 13.2) Gleason 3+3: 18.7% 3+4: 27.7% 4+3: 25.1% 8: 13.6% 9-10: 14.9% T stage	Median Decipher: NR Biopsy Prostatectomy NCCN Low: 9% Intermediate- favorable: 15% Intermediate- unfavorable: 40% High/very-high: 35% Unknown: 1.3%	Change classification reclassification Metastasis-free survival Overall: KQ1 Low ROB KQ3 High ROB	DOD and Prostate Cancer Foundation Young Investigator Award



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			T1: 46% T2: 44% T3/4: 8% Unknown: 1.7%			
Tosoian, 2020 ⁴³ NA USA KQ3 Retrospective observational	1995-2005 Some VA patients	NCCN high-risk and VHR who underwent GC testing; high risk = T3a or GG 4-5 or PSA >20; VHR = T3b- T4 or Gleason pattern 5; no neoadjuvant ADT or evidence nodal disease prior to RP	Median age: 62 (IQR 56, 69) Race: NR Median PSA 15.2 (6.37, 25.8) Gleason 1: 14.6% 2: 13.6% 3: 8.9% 4: 35.8% 5: 22.5% Unavailable: 4.7% T stage T1: 27.7% T2: 48.1% T3/4: 17.8% Unavailable: 6.4%	Decipher Low: 46.2% Intermediate: 22.5% High: 31.4% Biopsy Prostatectomy NCCN High-risk: 75.8% Very high-risk: 8.6% Unavailable: 15.5%	Metastasis-free survival Overall: Low ROB	Decipher Biosciences
Tosoian, 2017 ⁵⁶ USA KQ3 Retrospective observational 91 Linked paper: Bishoff 2014 ⁷¹	1994- 2006 VA patients	Patient with NCCN low-risk prostate cancer who underwent radical prostatectomy	Median age: 61.4 (IQR 57, 65.7) Race: NR Median PSA: 5.7 (4.4, 7.8) Gleason: NR ≤6: 100% T stage T1c: 69.5% T2a: 24.6% ≥T2b: 5.6%	Median Prolaris: -0.15 (IQR -0.7, -0.4) Biopsy CAPRA Low: 74.6% Intermediate: 25% High: 0.4%	Biochemical recurrence- free survival Overall: High ROB	DOD PRTA award, PCF Young Investigator Award, Patrick Walsh Investigator Grant
Van Den Eeden, 2018 ⁵³	1995-2010 No VA patients	Men who had radical prostatectomy with sufficient follow up underwent GPS testing	Median age: 61 (IQR 57, 65) Race White: 79%	Median Oncotype: NR Biopsy	Biochemical recurrence- free survival Metastasis-free survival	Institutional



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USA, West Coast (CA) KQ3 Cross-sectional 279			Black: 11% Other: 10% PSA 0-4: 9.5% 4.1-10: 70.1% ≥10.1: 20.4% Gleason: 3+3: 38% 3+4: 46% 4+3: 11% 4+4: 2.7% Any 5: 2.8% T stage T1: 25% T2: 75% T3: 0.4%	NCCN Very low: 3% Low: 21% Intermediate: 67% High: 9.3%	Prostate-specific mortality Overall: Low ROB	
Vince, 2021 ³⁸ NA US KQ3 Prospective observational 855	2015-2019 No VA patients	Clinically localized prostate cancer who underwent testing as part of routine clinical care and were able to be matched with Decipher GRID registry; for AS analysis - clinicians had to have explicitly stated in medical records that AS is primary management strategy and could not have received definitive treatment within 6 months of diagnosis	Median age 66 (60, 72) Race Black: 13.1% Asian: 0.9% Native American: 0.1% White: 75% Unknown/other: 11% PSA 6.1 (IQR 4.4, 9.2) Gleason 1: 21.9% 2: 36% 3: 23.1% 4-5: 19% T stage T1: 72% T2: 26.4% T3/4: 2%	Median Decipher: NR Biopsy NCCN Low: 19.1% Favorable-intermediate: 30.8% Unfavorable- intermediate: 40% High: 10%	Time to Treatment Time to Treatment Failure Overall: Low ROB	Blue cross blue shield of Michigan, department of defense physician research training award, Adlfred A Taubman Institute; Prostate cancer Foundation, NCI



APPENDIX F. PEER REVIEW DISPOSITION

Question Text	Reviewer Number	Comment	Author Response
Are the objectives, scope, and methods for this review clearly described?	1	Yes	
	2	Yes	
	4	Yes	
	5	Yes	
	7	Yes	
Is there any indication of bias in our synthesis of the evidence?	1	No	
	2	Yes - The bias is more so a lack of appreciation of the current flaws in risk stratification that are well documented, acknowledged even in NCCN guidelines, and the purpose of prognostic biomarkers are to improve risk stratification to enable select treatment decisions to be personalized.	<p>We agree that there are limitations in currently used clinical risk stratification schemes and that there is a need for better evidence-based ways to accurately assess patient prognosis and personalize treatment plans.</p> <p>The purpose of this review was to assess the prognostic ability of genomic classifier tests based on existing evidence. This evidence synthesis can inform clinical determinations of whether or not genomic classifier tests should be incorporated into prostate cancer management with the goal of improving prognostic assessment and treatment planning.</p> <p>We have edited language in the introduction and discussion to clarify the</p>

			rationale for this review and to acknowledge the limitations of existing schemas.
	4	No	
	5	No	
	7	No	
Are you aware of any <u>published</u> or <u>unpublished</u> studies that we may have overlooked?	1	No	
	2	Yes - The following randomized trials have been performed and reported with Decipher but not all included: i. RTOG 0126 ii. RTOG 9202 iii. RTOG 9413 iv. RTOG 9902 v. RTOG 9601 vi. SAKK 09/10 vii. SPARTAN viii. TITAN ix. CHARTED x. STAMPEDE	We have reviewed the listed studies identified by the reviewer and considered them with respect to our eligibility criteria. To be included in this report, studies had to evaluate one of three <i>a priori</i> identified genomic classifier tests evaluated in localized prostate cancer and published in full manuscript form in a peer reviewed journal from 2010 to 4/20/2022 (see Table 1 for full eligibility criteria). Please see below for a detailed review and clarification on why these studies were not included and identification of the one that was included: i. analysis related to Decipher reported as abstract only as ASCO GU 2/2022. No full manuscript available. Does not meet inclusion criteria

ii/iii/iv. data from these trials were analyzed together in an article that was published after search date; have identified in discussion (see “ongoing work”)

v. this study was included in our review (Feng et al.2021)

vi. published after our search date; identified in discussion (see “ongoing work”)

vii. identified by our search but excluded for not meeting population eligibility criteria (castrate resistant prostate cancer with secondary biochemical recurrence)

viii. analysis related to Decipher was presented as an abstract at ASCO 2020 and is not currently available as peer reviewed manuscript; also would not meet population eligibility criteria (metastatic prostate cancer)

ix. identified by our search but excluded for not meeting population eligibility criteria (metastatic prostate cancer)

x. release as preprint after our search date. Identified in

			the discussion (see “ongoing work”).
	4	No	
	5	No	
	7	No	
Additional suggestions or comments can be provided below. If applicable, please indicate the page and line numbers from the draft report.	1	appreciated the recommendations re areas for further research	We are glad those were found useful.
	2	<p>1. Problems with the way endpoints were used to assess benefit:</p> <p>a. The panel used the following metrics to assess benefit of a biomarker:</p> <p>i. Risk reclassification</p> <p>1. Reclassification to what from what? If you are saying a patient has NCCN intermediate risk disease and then has Decipher High, is this reclassification? If so this is problematic. The cutpoints used for Decipher for example have nothing to do with NCCN risk groups. In contrast, we have used prospective data to determine the reclassification from NCCN to a new integrated “clinico-genomic” model that combines NCCN and Decipher and that reclassified 67% of patients (Spratt JCO 2018). However, what is reported in this report says 21-51% and I don’t know how that was calculated.</p>	<p>We appreciate the concerns about risk reclassification assessment. Existing clinical risk classification systems and genomic classifier test systems use the same language for risk classification despite stemming from different data.</p> <p>This key question was included to clarify to what extent genomic classifier tests offer different risk classifications from commonly used clinical risk classification systems such as NCCN. We included studies that assessed change in risk assessment with a genomic classifier test in a number of ways (including direct comparisons and integration of genomic classifier results with existing clinical risk stratification schemes such as in the example noted by the reviewer). We acknowledge that the different ways that reclassification is assessed</p>

		<p>and interpreted in the existing literature is a limitation and hinders summarization across studies. To provide clarity, we have added additional detail about our methodologic approach for this key question. In addition, we added this limitation to the discussion section.</p>
		<p>Regarding the reported reclassification rate from Spratt et al. JCO.2018. We abstracted the data reported in Table 4 from Figure 4a and 4b in the article which is closer match to the data available from other studies in this report. We have verified the accuracy of the abstracted numbers as reported in the article. We have added reclassification findings from the second biopsy cohort that showed change from the 6-tier NCCN risk group to the 6 tier combined clinical-genomic risk group in the text (page 31) which is the cohort with 67% reclassification as mentioned by this reviewer.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>2. Additionally, reclassification of >10% is very meaningful to patients if that changes how they would be treated. If 1 out of 10 men were classified as intermediate risk and now as low risk and don't need treatment, that is powerful. Very few tests we order reclassify a patient the majority of the time. A bone</p>	<p>We agree that understanding what level of change in classification would be clinically meaningful is important context. Moreover, the threshold for what is</p>

	<p>scan in high risk disease reclassifies a patients stage ~5% of the time.</p>	<p>clinically meaningful is not the same from one clinical context to another or even one test to another. To our knowledge, there is not an existing, well-established threshold for what is a clinically meaningful change in risk classification for patients with localized prostate cancer. This together with the fact that we found a range of reclassification rates rather than a clear estimate rate raises challenges for synthesis across studies. We have adjusted our language in the results to reflect the uncertainty in the clinical meaning of our findings.</p> <p>Note that we did not explicitly consider the impact of risk reclassification on changes in treatment selection. This was not regularly reported, though a few studies reported occurrence of this secondary step after risk reclassification (see Gore 2017 and Gore 2020).</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>ii. Treatment recommendation change 1. The panel does not seem to appreciate the other biomarkers and tests done routinely change management <10% of the time, and a change of >10% is huge. Example, CT and bone scan change management ~5% of the time in men with localized prostate cancer. PSMA PET/CT changes stage of the disease 10-20% of the time. As shown in the</p>	<p>We appreciate that we may have mischaracterized the importance of the findings around the change in treatment management in response to test results as it relates to potential clinically</p>



	<p>systematic review from Jairath et al, European Urology 2021, the number needed to test for patients from the multiple Decipher studies are all <10 to change management in 1 patient. Often they are NNT of 3-4.</p>	<p>meaningful threshold in terms of changes in management after testing. We note that similar to reclassification discussed above, we are unaware of an explicit agreed upon threshold for this outcome. We have adjusted our wording accordingly.</p>
2	<p>2. This endpoint [change in management] itself is problematic, and a major criticism of the approval of many imaging tests, as changing management doesn't mean it is helping a patient. One must show the test is independently prognostic and that the added information enables an informed change in management.</p>	<p>As noted above, we agree that change in management as an endpoint has significant limitations as this reviewer mentioned and must be considered in conjunction with evidence demonstrating the tests prognostic ability. We have expanded this limitation in the discussion (see "clinical implications", KQ2).</p>
2	<p>iii. "Prognostic information" 1. This is the crux of what "prognostic" biomarkers aim to do. Improve risk stratification and prognostication. We have published in Spratt et al, JCO 2018 a very large improvement of NCCN vs NCCN+Decipher (clinicogenomic model), as have others (Berlin et al, IJROBP). The improvement in AUC/C-index is quite large (10%-20%+ improvement in accuracy). That accuracy is what enables changes in management (as is now noted in NCCN guidelines under the Risk Stratification section).</p>	<p>We acknowledge that NCCN guidelines include mention of use of genomic classifier testing and have noted this in our appendix which highlights recommendations about these 3 genomic classifier tests in current clinical guidelines (see Appendix A).</p>
2	<p>The sole reason we no longer give ADT to all men with intermediate risk prostate cancer getting RT is because of a moderately good prognostic model was built by me and my co-resident at the time, Dr. Zumsteg, to create what is now called favorable vs unfavorable intermediate risk (used around the world and in NCCN guidelines). All this system did was divide patients into lower and higher risk of recurrence which changed the absolute (not relative) benefit</p>	<p>To date analysis of RTOG 0126 with respect to Decipher has only been published in abstract form. As noted above, our eligibility criteria required full peer-reviewed publications for eligibility. We added a</p>



	<p>of ADT. Decipher adds to that majorly to identify ultra-low risk patients (Berlin et al, IJROBP showed no men with mostly unfavorable intermediate risk who got RT alone developed mets with Decipher low; RTOG 0126 we showed that Decipher low patients had only a 4% risk of mets at 10 years with RT alone, but a 16% risk of mets for Decipher high patients).</p>	<p>note to the discussion (see “ongoing work”) that more evidence is likely forthcoming in the literature.</p> <p>The study by Berlin noted by the reviewer was included in this review and is considered within the context of the breadth of literature identified.</p> <p>Of note, Berlin et al indicate the need for a prospective clinical trial which is currently underway (GU010); this trial is listed in appendix 5.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>2. Data used a. The following randomized trials have been performed and reported with Decipher but not all included: i. RTOG 0126 ii. RTOG 9202 iii. RTOG 9413 iv. RTOG 9902 v. RTOG 9601 vi. SAKK 09/10 vii. SPARTAN viii. TITAN ix. CHARTED x. STAMPEDE</p>	<p>Thank you for bringing these to our attention. Please see our above response regarding these trials individually.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>3. Assessment of quality a. This review/summary paper will be criticized majorly given the Simon criteria, the most widely used criteria to assess the quality of prognostic biomarkers, would state Decipher is level 1-2 and Prolaris and Oncotype are 3. However, the panel states the evidence for Decipher is low and Prolaris and Oncotype are very low. How is having >40 studies, >10 completed RCTs profiled, show “low” evidence for Decipher? NCCN guidelines classifies it as level 1 evidence now.</p>	<p>The certainty of evidence statement reflects a determination of the totality of the existing evidence with consideration of how it applies to the specific question at hand. This incorporates but is not equivalent to the quality (or risk of bias) assessment of each individual study. The</p>

		<p>certainty of evidence determination is driven by GRADE criteria which is the current standard for systematic reviews. For this review, we frequently downgraded our assessments due to the fact that most all identified studies were older and included patients that received during a distinctly different practice era from current modern management options. In addition, our assessments were downgraded for considerations such as inconsistency of effects (i.e. variation across included studies) and imprecision (i.e. wide confidence intervals in setting of relatively few events). Thus, it is possible to have a large number of relevant studies but still have low certainty of evidence as it relates to the specific question driving the review.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Some comments: 1) what percent risk reclassification would the panel consider to be significant to recommend genomic testing using any of the validated panels? Key finding bullet 2 suggests that a significant minority of men DO have risk reclassification, and while not the majority, this could still be important for up to 40% of men! There is a general lack of any thought or opinion here on what rate of reclassification is significant and would be of interest to the panel, particularly if the genomic classification has more prognostic value than the clinical NCCN classification. Suggest revisions to KQ1.</p>	<p>As noted above, we agree that the determination of what is a clinically significant determination of risk reclassification is driven by clinical practice standards rather than the existing data. We appreciate that we did not frame this part of the discussion accurately and have reworded the implications of this</p>

		percentage accordingly as noted above.
4	<p>2) The evidence for the DECIPHER to provide more than just a prognostic effect in the salvage RT setting seems stronger than other settings and for other biomarkers/genomic classifiers, based on the phase 3 RTOG 9601 trial (Feng F et al JAMA Oncol 2021). For example, men with low PSA values <0.7 in the early salvage post RP setting and with a low risk DECIPHER profile had no benefits and potential harms from hormonal therapy with salvage RT, while those with a high risk DECIPHER profile had a survival benefit. This really deserves more attention and recommendation in my opinion given the phase 3 controlled setting with long term follow up and potential clinical utility to VA patients and cost savings/QOL impact on veterans who may be able to avoid 2 years of hormonal therapy and the low harms of performing this classifier on RP tissue. Data is not strong here for other classifiers in the salvage RT setting. Suggest revisions to KQ2 post RP especially around p45 and 56. Adjuvant RT is seldom offered anymore, but early salvage RT is. This randomized trial and study is not even discussed in KQ2. Suggest this remains relevant to men with localized PC and management decision making post-RP for those with PSA recurrence. If the authors wish to avoid this setting, this needs to be clearly discussed still as outside of the scope of the questions around initial management, but I think the panel should take this on. Limiting itself to just discussions around reclassification and prognostic importance misses this important aspect of clinical utility where in my opinion is the ONLY setting where a genomic classifier has demonstrated clinical utility.</p>	<p>We appreciate the reviewer's interest in evidence about response to treatment among patients with different classifier identified risk levels.</p> <p>However, this was not within the scope of this review as designed with those who nominated this work.</p> <p>KQ2 asks if treatment decisions were changed based on the results of receipt of test results and is not structured to evaluate if patient outcomes vary by treatment received depending on genomic classifier test risk stratification. We have added explicit notation of this in the discussion (see 2nd paragraph of Limitations). This issue may be an appropriate focus for a future review.</p>
4	<p>3) Perhaps a statement about pathology AI biomarkers being outside of the scope of this report on genomic classifiers? This could be the subject of a separate review given emerging evidence on the clinical utility of the Artera AI pathology biomarker across several contexts for prognosis and prediction of hormonal therapy benefit in a radiation oncology context (intermediate risk PC).</p>	<p>AI based biomarkers, whether based on pathology, radiomics, or other datasets, are outside the scope of this current review but could be considered in the future when sufficient primary data is available. We have noted this as suggested in our</p>



		discussion section (see "limitations")
4	4) The panel could speculate on what the potential harms are for performing a genomic classifier. The test does not require a new biopsy or ANY direct harms and does not disclose ANY genetic or familial risk or PHI disclosure. The only harms are really the costs. The costs should be discussed therefore within the VA, as compared to the benefits and cost savings, for example of avoiding unnecessary treatment like 2 years of ADT.	We agree that this is an important consideration for contextualizing the findings in this review. We have added a statement about the issue of harms from this test as suggested in our discussion (see first paragraph).
5	The prostate Oncotype score is no longer owned by Exact Sciences and is now owned by MDX and renamed Prostate GPS as they were not allowed to use the name Oncotype when they purchased it.	Thank you for this clarification.
7	This is an excellent analysis that is very appropriate for the "moment". It does an outstanding job of addressing the key questions in a way that is comprehensive, unbiased, relevant and useful. It far exceeded my expectations.	Thank you.

APPENDIX G. ONGOING STUDIES

Test					
Trial Name (Short)	Full Trial Name	Objective	Study Design Follow-up	Outcomes Measured	Status/Projected Completion
Projected N					
Prolaris NCT03152448 1511 *VA based study	Prospective Prolaris Value and Efficacy (P-PROVE)	To measure the impact on first-line therapy of genomic testing of biopsy tissue from recently diagnosed treatment-naïve patients with early stage localized prostate cancer.	Prospective observational 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effect on treatment • Biochemical recurrence • Progression to interventional treatment 	Terminated- "Myriad has sufficient data to do an analysis on the primary objective, durability, and has made the decision not to continue collecting data for the other study objectives."
Decipher NCT02783950 356	Genomics in Michigan Impacting Observation or Radiation (G-MINOR)	To determine the impact of Decipher test results on adjuvant treatment decisions of high-risk post-RP patients with undetectable post-op prostate specific antigen (PSA) compared to clinical factors alone.	Parallel assignment Interventional 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of participants that receive Adjuvant treatment • Time to Adjuvant treatment • Time to salvage treatment administration • Time to Biochemical Recurrence • Time to Metastatic disease • Patient Reported Outcomes 	Active, not recruiting
Decipher NCT 02723734 240	Validation Study on the Impact of Decipher® Testing - VANDAAM Study (VANDAAM)	To determine whether a tumor test recently developed by GenomeDx Biosciences known as Decipher® can predict aggressive prostate cancer with the same accuracy in	Multisite, prospective validation Observational study 2 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-year PSA failure rate 	Active, not recruiting

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Trial Name (Short)	Full Trial Name	Objective	Study Design	Outcomes Measured	Status/Projected Completion
Projected N			Follow-up		
		Black men (AAM) as in non-Black men (NAAM).			
Decipher NCT05050084 2050	Two Studies for Patients With Unfavorable Intermediate Risk Prostate Cancer Testing Less Intense Treatment for Patients With a Low Gene Risk Score and Testing a More Intense Treatment for Patients With a Higher Gene Risk Score	This phase III trial uses the Decipher risk score to guide intensification (for higher Decipher gene risk) or de-intensification (for low Decipher gene risk) of treatment to better match therapies to an individual patient's cancer aggressiveness.	Parallel Assignment Interventional 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distant Metastasis (DM) • Metastasis-Free Survival (MFS) • Overall Survival • Time to PSA Failure • MFS including PET Imaging • Locoregional Failure • DM Including PET imaging • Prostate Cancer-specific mortality • Sexual and Hormonal Function related quality of life • Fatigue • Cognition • Locoregional Progression • Castrate-resistant prostate cancer • Bowel and Urinary Function related quality of life • Cardio-metabolic markers • PSA Failure-free survival with non-castrate testosterone and no additional therapies 	Recruiting

Test					
Trial Name (Short)	Full Trial Name	Objective	Study Design	Outcomes Measured	Status/Projected Completion
Projected N			Follow-up		
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locoregional failure based upon either conventional or molecular imaging • Health Utilities • Time to testosterone recovery 	
Prolaris NCT04404894 500	Long-Term Prospective Registry in Prostate Cancer Patients From Diverse Urology Practice Settings Following Prolaris Testing	This registry will evaluate treatment selection for patients with newly diagnosed, localized prostate cancer following Prolaris testing. It will measure the proportion of men who initially select treatment with active surveillance, the time frame between active surveillance selection and any change in treatment, and clinical outcomes.	Prospective Observational 10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Surveillance Durability; Comorbidities • Disease Progression • Baseline Clinicopathologic Measures • Proportion of men with prostate cancer who: (1) Meet NCCN hereditary high-risk criteria, (2) undergo and complete hereditary cancer genetic testing; and (3) are found to carry pathogenic variants in tested cancer-predisposition genes 	Recruiting
All NCT04396808 900	Genomics in Michigan to Adjust Outcomes in Prostate cancer (G-MAJOR) for Men With Newly Diagnosed	To determine the clinical impact of Gene Expression Classifier (GEC) testing in prostate cancer care while also developing a pragmatic approach for improved GEC clinical use and future study.	Multisite Crossover Assignment Interventional 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Binomial proportion of men on active surveillance without treatment • Occurrence of grade reclassification • Rate of indolent pathology 	Recruiting

Test					
Trial Name (Short)	Full Trial Name	Objective	Study Design Follow-up	Outcomes Measured	Status/Projected Completion
Projected N	Favorable Risk Prostate Cancer			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mean score per arm of patient reported urinary function questionnaire • Proportion of patients with changes from baseline in urinary function exceeding minimal important differences • Mean score per arm of patient reported sexual function • Proportion of patients with changes from baseline in sexual function exceeding minimal important differences • Time to biochemical recurrence • Time to distant metastases • Mean score per arm of health-related quality of life • Rate of adverse pathology at prostatectomy • Rate of biochemical recurrence 	
Prolaris NCT03290508	Long-term Study to Evaluate and Clinical Outcomes in	To determine whether Prolaris testing in patients with favorable intermediate risk prostate cancer influences physician	Prospective Observational 8 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Prolaris score, on active surveillance • Low Prolaris score, definitive treatment 	Terminated (There are sufficient follow-up data to meet the endpoints of the study.)

Test						
Trial Name (Short)	Full Trial Name	Objective	Study Design	Outcomes Measured	Status/Projected Completion	
Projected N			Follow-up			
524	Patients with Favorable Intermediate Risk Localized Prostate Cancer	management decisions toward conservative treatment in patients with Prolaris low-risk scores without negatively impacting patient oncologic outcomes, thereby sparing low-risk patients from unnecessary treatments and associated side-effects.		following active surveillance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low Prolaris score, disease progression following delayed definitive treatment • Low Prolaris score, time to definitive treatment • No Prolaris score, on active surveillance • No Prolaris score, definitive treatment following active surveillance • No Prolaris score, time to definitive treatment following active surveillance • No Prolaris score, disease progression following delayed definitive treatment 		