

UROVYSION Bladder Cancer Kit

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IVDD Symbol Glossary

	European Conformity		Manufacturer
	In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Device		Contains sufficient for <n> tests
	Catalog Number		Temperature limitation
	Biological Risks		Lower limit of temperature
	Use by		Upper limit of temperature
	Negative Control		Positive Control
	Consult instructions for use		

Proprietary Name

UroVysion Bladder Cancer Kit

Common or Usual Name

Fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH) reagents

Intended Use

The UroVysion Bladder Cancer Kit (UroVysion Kit) is designed to detect aneuploidy for chromosomes 3, 7, 17, and loss of the 9p21 locus via fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH) in urine specimens from persons with hematuria suspected of having bladder cancer. Results from the UroVysion Kit are intended for use, in conjunction with and not in lieu of current standard diagnostic procedures, as an aid for initial diagnosis of bladder carcinoma in patients with hematuria and subsequent monitoring for tumor recurrence in patients previously diagnosed with bladder cancer.

Summary and Explanation

Bladder cancer is the fifth most common cancer in the United States, with over 57,000 newly diagnosed cases and over 12,000 deaths annually¹. Bladder cancer is four times more likely to occur in men than in women. The median age at diagnosis is 65 years; bladder cancer is rare in individuals under 40¹. Ninety percent of bladder cancer cases are classified as transitional cell carcinomas (TCC), while the remaining 10% are predominantly squamous cell or adenocarcinomas². There are 4 clinically relevant subgroups of TCC, as defined by pathologic staging: carcinoma *in situ* (pTIS), non-invasive papillary TCC (pTa), minimally invasive TCC (pT1), and muscle invasive tumors (pT2-pT4). Each subgroup differs in clinical outcome^{2,3}. At presentation, 75% of tumors are "superficial" (i.e., pTa, pT1 or pTIS), of which 50 to 80% will have one or several recurrences, and 15 to 25% will progress to invasive tumors⁴. For this reason, patients with "superficial" bladder cancer are regularly monitored for tumor recurrence and progression with cystoscopy and sometimes urine cytology. Cystoscopy examination of the bladder, and often urine cytology, are also standard care for patients > 40 years of age and presenting with hematuria⁵.

A number of studies, however, have demonstrated that urine cytology has a disappointingly low sensitivity for bladder cancer detection^{6,7} and improved laboratory tests for bladder cancer detection are needed. Recent studies have demonstrated that fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH) analysis for aneuploidy of specific chromosomes may be useful to aid in the detection of bladder cancer.^{4,8-21}

Principles of the Procedure

In situ hybridization is a technique that allows the visualization of specific nucleic acid sequences within a cellular preparation. Specifically, DNA fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH) involves the precise annealing of a single stranded fluorescently labeled DNA probe to complementary target sequences. The hybridization of the probe with the cellular DNA site is visible by direct detection using fluorescence microscopy.

The UroVysion probes are fluorescently labeled nucleic acid probes for use in *in situ* hybridization assays on urine specimens fixed on slides. The UroVysion Kit consists of a four-color four-probe mixture of DNA probe sequences homologous to specific regions on chromosomes 3, 7, 9, and 17. The UroVysion probe mixture consists of Chromosome Enumeration Probe (CEP) 3 SpectrumRed, CEP 7 SpectrumGreen, CEP 17 SpectrumAqua and Locus Specific Identifier (LSI) 9p21 SpectrumGold. The probes are pre-mixed and pre-denatured in hybridization buffer for ease of use. Unlabeled blocking DNA is also included with the probes to suppress sequences contained within the target loci that are common to other chromosomes. When hybridized and visualized, these probes provide information on chromosome copy number for chromosome ploidy enumeration. This UroVysion Kit is designed for the detection and quantification of chromosomes 3, 7, and 17, and the 9p21 locus in human urine specimens by FISH.

Cells recovered from urine pellets are fixed on slides. The DNA is denatured to its single stranded form and subsequently allowed to hybridize with the UroVysion probes. Following hybridization, the unbound probe is removed by a series of washes, and the nuclei are counterstained with DAPI (4,6 diamidino-2-phenylindole), a DNA-specific stain that fluoresces blue. Hybridization of the UroVysion probes is viewed using a fluorescence microscope equipped with appropriate excitation and emission filters allowing visualization of the intense red, green, aqua, and gold fluorescent signals. Enumeration of CEP 3, 7, and 17, and LSI 9p21 signals is conducted by microscopic examination of the nucleus.

Reagents and Instruments

Materials Provided

This kit contains sufficient reagents to process approximately 20 or 100 assays (dependent on part number). An assay is defined as one 6 mm diameter round target area.

- UroVysion DNA Probe Mixture

Part No.:	30-171070 (20 Test); 36-171070 (100 Test)
Quantity:	60 μ L (20 Test); 300 μ L (100 Test)
Storage:	-20°C in the dark
Composition:	Fluorophore-labeled DNA probes for chromosomes 3, 7, and 17, and locus 9p21 in hybridization buffer. The hybridization buffer is made up of dextran sulfate, formamide and SSC.
- DAPI II Counterstain

Quantity:	300 μ L (20 Test); 1000 μ L (100 Test)
Storage:	-20°C in the dark
Composition:	125 ng/mL DAPI (4,6-diamidino-2-phenylindole) in 1,4-phenylenediamine, glycerol, and buffer

- NP-40

Quantity:	4 mL (2 x 2 mL)
Storage:	-20°C to 25°C
Composition:	NP-40 (non-ionic detergent)
- 20X SSC

Quantity:	66 g for up to 250 mL of 20X SSC solution
Storage:	-20°C to 25°C
Composition:	sodium chloride and sodium citrate

Note: Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all reagents provided in the kits are available upon request from the Abbott Molecular Technical Service Department.

Storage and Handling

Store the unopened UroVysion Kit as a unit at -20°C protected from light and humidity. The 20X SSC and NP-40 may be stored separately at room temperature. Expiration dates for each of the unopened components are indicated on the individual component labels. These storage conditions apply to both opened and unopened components.

Exposure to light, heat or humidity may affect the shelf life of some of the kit components and should be avoided. Components stored under conditions other than those stated on the labels may not perform properly and may adversely affect the assay results.

Materials Required but Not Provided

Laboratory Reagents

- ProbeCheck UroVysion Control slides Order No. 30-805070 and 32-805070Three (3) glass microscope slides containing both a positive control and a negative control on the same slide (i.e., two target areas per slide - 1 negative, 1 positive). The negative control is prepared from a fixed cultured normal human male lymphoblast cell line (GM11854); the positive control is prepared from a fixed cultured human bladder carcinoma cell line (UM-UC-3). Store the control slides at -20°C in a sealed container with desiccant to protect them from humidity.
- FISH Specimen Pretreatment Reagent Kit (Order No. 32-801270), which includes:
 - Protease (3 x 25 mg)
 - Pepsin Activity 1:3000 to 1:3500
 - Pepsin Buffer (3 x 50 mL)
 - 10 mM HCl
 - Phosphate Buffered Saline (2 x 250 mL)
 - 1X PBS
 - 100X MgCl₂ (3 x 0.5 mL)
 - 2M MgCl₂
 - 20X SSC (66 g)
 - 10% neutral buffered formalin
 - Carnoy's Fixative (3:1 (v:v) methanol:glacial acetic acid)
 - Immersion oil for appropriate microscope objectives. Store at room temperature (15-30°C).
 - Ethanol (100%). Store at room temperature.
 - Concentrated (12N) HCl
 - 1N NaOH
 - Purified water (Milli-Q). Store at room temperature.
 - Rubber cement
 - Ultra-pure, formamide. Store at 4°C for up to one month from delivery (See manufacturer's recommendations for detailed information).

Specimen Preservation

- Carbowax (2% polyethylene glycol in 50% ethanol) Suggested source: Sigma
- ThinPrep™ PreservCyt® Solution, Cytex Corp.

Laboratory Equipment

- Glass coverslips (12 mm round and 18 mm square glass coverslips are recommended)
- 12-well, 6 mm circle microscope slides. Suggested type: Shandon
- Microtiter pipettors (1-10 μ L and 20-200 μ L) and clean tips
- Conical centrifuge tubes (15 and 50 mL)
- Timer (\pm 1 sec.)
- Magnetic stirrer
- Vortex mixer
- Microcentrifuge
- Bench-top centrifuge
- Graduated cylinder
- Water baths (37 \pm 1°C and 73 \pm 1°C)
- Humidified hybridization box
- Air incubator (37 \pm 1°C)
- Forceps
- Disposable syringe (5 mL)
- Coplin jars (10) Suggested type: Wheaton Product #900570
- Epi-fluorescence microscope equipped with a 100-watt mercury lamp and recommended filters (yellow single bandpass, aqua single bandpass, DAPI single bandpass, and green/red dual bandpass)
- Light microscope equipped with a 20X objective
- pH meter and pH paper
- Calibrated thermometer
- 0.45 μ m pore filtration unit
- Desiccant
- Automated Codenaturation Assay options:
 - HYBrite System - Refer to System Manual for user instructions.
 - ThermoBrite System - Refer to System Manual for user instructions.
- Automated Pretreatment Assay option:
 - VP 2000 Processor - Refer to System Manual for user instructions.

Microscope Equipment and Accessories

Microscope: An epi-illumination fluorescence microscope is required for viewing the hybridization results. *If an existing fluorescence microscope is available, it should be checked to be sure that it is operating properly to ensure optimum viewing of fluorescence in situ hybridization assay specimens.* A microscope used with general DNA stains such as DAPI, Propidium Iodide, and quinacrine may not function adequately for FISH assays. Routine microscope cleaning and periodic preventive maintenance by the manufacturer's technical representative are recommended.

Note: Often, a presumed failure of reagents in an *in situ* assay may actually indicate that a malfunctioning or sub-optimal fluorescence microscope or incorrect filter set is being used to view a successful hybridization assay.

Excitation Light Source: The excitation lamp is the source of the light that excites the fluorophores to fluoresce. Unless the excitation lamp is properly aligned, the optimum image will not be generated. A 100-watt mercury lamp with life maximum

of about 200 hours is the recommended excitation source. Record the number of hours that the bulb has been used and replace the bulb before it exceeds the rated time.

Objectives: The objective has a profound influence on the brightness, resolution, and general quality of the image. Use oil immersion fluorescence objectives with numeric apertures ≥ 0.75 when using a microscope with a 100-watt mercury lamp. A 40X objective, in conjunction with 10X eyepieces, is suitable for scanning. For UroVysion analysis and signal enumeration, satisfactory results can be obtained with a 60X, 63X or 100X oil immersion achromat-type objective.

Immersion Oil: The immersion oil used with oil immersion objectives should be one formulated for low autofluorescence and specifically for use in fluorescence microscopy.

Filters: Fluorescence microscope filter sets optimized for use with the CEP and LSI DNA probe kits are available from Abbott Molecular for most microscope models. Performance characteristics of the UroVysion assay with other filters must be determined and validated by the user. The recommended filter sets for the UroVysion Kit are the yellow single bandpass, aqua single bandpass, DAPI single bandpass, and green/red dual bandpass. Hybridization of the LSI 9p21 and CEP 3, 7, and 17 probes to their target regions is marked by gold, red, green and aqua fluorescence, respectively. The remaining nuclear DNA will fluoresce blue with the DAPI stain.

Preparation of Working Reagents

1% Formaldehyde Solution

To prepare, add together:

12.5 mL	10% Neutral Buffered Formalin
37 mL	1X PBS
0.5 mL	100X MgCl ₂ (one tube from FISH pretreatment kit)
50 mL	Final volume

Mix thoroughly. Pour the solution into a Coplin jar. Discard used solution after using one week. Store unused solution at 2-8°C for up to 6 months.

20X SSC (3M sodium chloride, 0.3M sodium citrate, pH 5.3)

To prepare 20X SSC pH 5.3, add together:

66 g	20X SSC
200 mL	Purified water
250 mL	Final volume

Mix thoroughly. Measure pH at room temperature with a pH meter. Adjust pH to 5.3 with concentrated HCl. Bring the total volume to 250 mL with purified water. Filter through a 0.45 µm pore filtration unit. Store at room temperature for up to 6 months.

Denaturing Solution (70% Formamide / 2X SSC pH 7.0-8.0)

Note: Not required for Automated (HYBrite or ThermoBrite) Codenaturation Assay.

To prepare denaturing solution, add together:

49 mL	Formamide
7 mL	20X SSC pH 5.3
14 mL	Purified water
70 mL	Final Volume

Mix thoroughly. Measure pH at room temperature using pH paper to verify that the pH is 7.0 - 8.0. This solution can be used for up to one week. Check pH prior to each use. Store at 2 - 8°C in a tightly capped container when not in use.

Ethanol Washing Solutions

Prepare v/v dilutions of 70% and 85% using 100% ethanol and purified water. Dilutions may be used for one week unless evaporation occurs or the solution becomes diluted due to excessive use. Store at room temperature in tightly capped containers when not in use.

0.4X SSC/0.3% NP-40

To prepare, add together:

20 mL	20X SSC pH 5.3
877 mL	Purified water
3 mL	NP-40
1000 mL	Final Volume

Mix thoroughly. Measure pH at room temperature using a pH meter. Adjust pH to 7.5 ± 0.2 with 1N NaOH. Adjust volume to 1 liter with purified water. Filter through 0.45 µm pore filtration unit. Discard used solution at the end of each day. Store unused solution at room temperature for up to 6 months.

2X SSC/0.1% NP-40

To prepare, add together:

100 mL	20X SSC pH 5.3
849 mL	Purified water
1 mL	NP-40
1000 mL	Final Volume

Mix thoroughly. Measure pH at room temperature using a pH meter. Adjust pH to 7.0 ± 0.2 with 1N NaOH. Adjust volume to 1 liter with purified water. Filter through 0.45 µm pore filtration unit. Discard used solution at the end of each day. Store unused solution at room temperature for up to 6 months.

Warnings and Precautions

- For *In Vitro* Diagnostic Use.
- All biological specimens should be treated as if capable of transmitting infectious agents. The ProbeChek Control Slides recommended for use with this kit are manufactured from human cell lines that have been fixed in Carnoy's fixative. *Because it is often impossible to know which might be infectious, all human specimens and control slides should be treated with universal precautions. Guidelines for specimen handling are available from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention²².*
- Hybridization conditions may be adversely affected by the use of reagents other than those provided by Abbott Molecular.
- Failure to follow all procedures for slide denaturation, hybridization, and detection may cause unacceptable or erroneous results.
- The DAPI II Counterstain contains DAPI (4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole) and 1,4-phenylenediamine.
 - DAPI is a possible mutagen based on positive genotoxic effects. Avoid inhalation, ingestion, or contact with skin.
 - 1,4-phenylenediamine is a known dermal sensitizer and a possible respiratory sensitizer. Avoid inhalation, ingestion, or contact with skin. Refer to MSDS for specific warnings.
- Fluorophores are readily photobleached by exposure to light. To limit this degradation, handle all solutions containing fluorophores in reduced light. This includes all steps involved in handling the hybridized slide. Carry out all steps that do not require light for manipulation (incubation periods, slide drying, etc.) in the dark.
- UroVysion probe mixture contains formaldehyde, a teratogen. Avoid contact with skin and mucous membranes. Refer to MSDS for more information.
- Calibrated thermometers are required for measuring temperatures of solutions, water baths, and incubators.
- All hazardous materials should be disposed of according to your institution's guidelines for hazardous disposal. The following are European Community (EC) risk and safety information. Restricted to professional users. The **DNA Probe** contains Formamide and is classified per applicable European Community (EC) Directives as: Toxic (T). The following are the appropriate Risk (R) and Safety (S) phrases.



R61	May cause harm to the unborn child.
S24/25	Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
S35	This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way.
S36/37/39	Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.
S45	In case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately (show the label where possible).
S53	Avoid exposure - Obtain special instructions before use.

NP-40 (Ethoxylated octyl phenol) is classified per applicable European Community (EC) Directives as: Irritant (Xi). The following are the appropriate Risk (R) and Safety (S) phrases.



R36/38	Irritating to eyes and skin.
S25	Avoid contact with eyes.
S26	In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.
S35	This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe way.
S36/37/39	Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.
S46	If swallowed, seek medical advice immediately and show this container or label.

Specimen Collection and Transport

The UroVysion Kit is designed for use on voided urine specimens. Perform urine collection (≥ 33 mL) at the physician's office. Mix voided urine 2:1 (v:v) with preservative; Carbowax (2% polyethylene glycol in 50% ethanol) or PreservCyt[®] preservatives are recommended. Transfer to a 50 mL centrifuge tube(s) or other tightly-capped plastic container. Use of any other preservative must be validated by the individual laboratory. If urine is not shipped immediately after collection, refrigerate immediately and ship via overnight courier within 24 hours.

The preferred storage and shipping conditions are on ice packs, but specimens may be stored and shipped at temperatures up to 25°C. Urine stored in Carbowax or PreservCyt under these conditions has been shown to be stable for 1 week, however it is recommended that specimens be processed to the point of fixed cell pellets (see Sample Processing, step 7) within 72 hours of collection. Performance characteristics of the UroVysion test under any other conditions must be determined and validated by the user.

Specimen Processing and Preparation

Sample Processing

- Centrifuge urine in a 50 mL centrifuge tube at 600g for 10 minutes at room temperature (15 - 30°C).
- Remove the supernatant to within approximately 1-2 mL of the cell pellet, being careful not to disturb the pellet.
- Resuspend the pellet in the remaining 1-2 mL of supernatant and transfer the contents to a 15 mL conical centrifuge tube. Rinse the 50 mL tube with 10 mL of 1X PBS and transfer the contents to the 15 mL tube.

Note: Pellets from the same patient specimen may be combined.

- Centrifuge sample(s) at 600g for 10 minutes at room temperature.
- Remove the supernatant to within approximately 0.5 mL of the cell pellet.
- Resuspend pellet in the remaining 0.5 mL of supernatant. Slowly add 1-5 mL of fresh fixative (3:1, methanol:acetic acid), dropwise at first, with frequent agitation.
- Let fixed specimens stand at -20°C for a minimum of 20 minutes.

Note: Specimens may be stored overnight or longer (up to 10 days) at this step.

- Centrifuge sample(s) at 600g for 5 minutes at room temperature. Carefully remove the supernatant.
- Note:** If pellet is not visible or barely visible, further washing of the pellet is not recommended in order to avoid cell loss. Instead, proceed to step 11. If sample has been stored overnight or longer, resuspend in fresh fixative prior to slide preparation.
- Wash pellet by resuspending in ~5 mL fixative.
- Centrifuge sample(s) at 600g for 3 minutes at room temperature. Repeat steps 8 and 9 twice.
- After centrifugation of cell suspension in fixative:
 - If cell pellet is very small and hardly visible, CAREFULLY remove as much fixative as possible, leaving approximately 100 µL solution.
 - If cell pellet is easily visible, remove as much fixative as possible and add 0.5-1 mL fresh fixative to the cell pellet.
- Proceed immediately with the slide preparation procedure.

Slide Preparation

Use 12-well slides.

- Resuspend the cell pellet and apply 3 µL, 10 µL and 30 µL of cell suspension on three slide circles (circle #1, 2, and 3).
- Allow samples to air dry.
- Examine slide under a light microscope using a 20X objective.
- Select the hybridization area (circle #1, 2 or 3) in which ~100-200 cells are visible in the field. The circle which best corresponds to the recommended cell density (i.e., 100-200 cells per field) should be used for UroVysion hybridization.
 - If cell density is too low, even in circle #3, apply another 30 µL of cell suspension on circle #3. Allow sample to dry and examine under light microscope, repeat if necessary.
 - If cell density is too high, even in circle #1, dilute the cell suspension sample with fixative and repeat steps 1-4.
- Prepare at least one additional back up slide following slide preparation steps 1-4 above. Store additional slide(s) at -20°C in a box with desiccant.

Note: Fixed slides are stable at -20°C for up to 12 months. Store any remaining cell suspension at -20°C for up to 1 month in the event preparation of additional slides is necessary.

Slide Pretreatment

Slides must be pretreated and fixed prior to assay with the UroVysion Kit. The package insert for the FISH Specimen Pretreatment Reagent Kit (Product No. 32-801270) contains detailed instructions.

Manual Pretreatment Assay

- Allow slide(s) to completely dry at room temperature.
- Immerse slide(s) in 2X SSC for 2 minutes (2-2.5 min.) at 73±1°C.
- Immerse slide(s) in protease solution for 10 minutes (±1 min) at 37±1°C.
- Wash slide(s) in 1X PBS for 5 minutes (±1 min) at room temperature.
- Fix slides in 1% formaldehyde for 5 minutes (±1 min) at room temperature.
- Wash slides in 1X PBS for 5 minutes (±1 min) at room temperature.
- Dehydrate slide(s) by immersing in 70% ethanol solution at room temperature. Allow the slide(s) to stand in the ethanol wash for at least 1 minute. Repeat with 85% ethanol, followed by 100% ethanol.
- Allow slides to dry completely.

- Proceed with the UroVysion assay protocol.

Optional Automated Pretreatment Assay

- Allow slide(s) to completely dry at room temperature.
- Immerse slide(s) in 2X SSC for 2 minutes (2-2.5 min.) at 73±1°C.
- Immerse slide(s) in protease solution for 10 minutes (±1 min) at 37±1°C.
- Wash slide(s) in 1X PBS for 5 minutes (±1 min) at room temperature.
- Fix slides in 1% formaldehyde for 5 minutes (±1 min) at room temperature.
- Wash slides in 1X PBS for 5 minutes (±1 min) at room temperature.
- Dehydrate slide(s) by immersing in 70% ethanol solution at room temperature. Allow the slide(s) to stand in the ethanol wash for at least 1 minute. Repeat with 85% ethanol, followed by 100% ethanol.
- Dry slides at 25°C (air drying station) for 3 minutes or until completely dry.
- Proceed with the UroVysion assay protocol.

FISH Procedure

UroVysion Assay

Manual Assay: (For optional Automated (HYBrite or ThermoBrite) Codenaturation Assay, see below)

Note: The timing for preparing the probe solution (see Probe Preparation, steps 1-3) should be carefully coordinated with denaturing the specimen DNA (steps 1-7) so that both will be ready for the hybridization step at the same time.

Denaturation of Specimen DNA

- Prewarm the humidified hybridization chamber (an airtight container with a piece of damp blotting paper or paper towel approximately 1 in. x 3 in. taped to the side of the container) to 37±1°C by placing it in the 37±1°C incubator prior to slide preparation. Moisten the blotting paper or paper towel with water before each use of the hybridization chamber.
- Add denaturing solution to Coplin jar and place in a 73±1°C water bath for at least 30 minutes, or until the solution temperature reaches 73±1°C. Verify the solution temperature before use.

Note: If solution has been stored at 4°C, allow solution and Coplin jar to reach room temperature before placing in water bath.
- Denature the specimen DNA by immersing the prepared slides in the denaturing solution at 73±1°C (4 slides per jar) for 5 minutes (±1 min.). Do not denature more than 4 slides at one time per Coplin jar; if denaturing fewer than 4 slides, supplement with blank glass slides.

Note: Verify the solution temperature inside the Coplin jar before each use.

- Using forceps, remove the slide(s) from the denaturing solution and immediately place into a 70% ethanol wash solution at room temperature. Agitate the slide to remove the formamide. Allow the slide(s) to stand in the ethanol wash for at least 1 minute.
- Remove the slide(s) from 70% ethanol. Repeat step 4 with 85% ethanol, followed by 100% ethanol.
- Drain the excess ethanol from the slide by touching the bottom edge of the slide to a blotter, and wipe the underside of the slide dry with a laboratory wipe.
- Dry the slide(s) on a 45-50°C slide warmer for up to 2 minutes.

Probe Preparation

- Remove the UroVysion probe from -20°C storage and allow to warm to room temperature. Vortex to mix. Spin the tubes briefly (1-3 seconds) in a microcentrifuge to bring the contents to the bottom of the tube. Gently vortex again to mix.
- Heat UroVysion probe solution for 5 minutes in the 73±1°C water bath.
- Place probe solution on a 45-50°C slide warmer.

Hybridization

- Apply 3 µL of probe solution to the selected target area of slide. Immediately, place a 12 mm round glass coverslip over the probe. Carefully apply light pressure to the coverslip to allow the probe solution to spread evenly under the coverslip. Air bubbles will interfere with hybridization and should be avoided. The remaining probe solution should be returned to -20°C storage immediately after use.
- Seal coverslip with rubber cement as follows: Draw the rubber cement into a 5 mL syringe. Eject a small amount of rubber cement around the periphery of the coverslip overlapping the coverslip and the slide, forming a seal around the coverslip.
- Place slides in the pre-warmed humidified hybridization chamber. Cover the chamber with a tight lid and incubate at 37±1°C overnight (approximately 16 hours).
- Proceed to Post-Hybridization Washes.

Optional Automated (HYBrite or ThermoBrite) Codenaturation Assay:

Probe Preparation and Application

- Remove the UroVysion probe from -20°C storage and allow to warm to room temperature (15 - 30°C). Vortex to mix. Spin the tube briefly (1-3 seconds) in micro-centrifuge to bring the contents to the bottom of the tube. Gently vortex again to mix.
- Apply 3 µL of probe solution to the selected target area of slide. Immediately, place a 12 mm round glass coverslip over the probe. Carefully apply light pressure to the coverslip to allow the probe solution to spread evenly under the coverslip. Air bubbles will interfere with hybridization and should be avoided. The remaining probe solution should be returned to -20°C storage immediately after use.
- Seal coverslip with rubber cement as follows: Draw the rubber cement into a 5 mL syringe. Eject a small amount of rubber cement around the periphery of the coverslip overlapping the coverslip and the slide, forming a seal.

Denaturation of Specimen DNA and Hybridization on the HYBrite System:

- Moisten a paper towel with water and place the towel in the channels along the heating surface.
- Turn the HYBrite instrument on.
- Set the program for Melt Temp 73°C and Melt Time 2 minutes (denaturation), and Hybridization Temperature 39°C and Hybridization Time 4-16 hours.
- When prompted, place slides on heating surface of the instrument. Supplement with blank glass slides, as necessary. Ensure that the slides lay flat on the heating surface.
- Close HYBrite lid and run program.

Denaturation of Specimen DNA and Hybridization on the ThermoBrite System:

- Insert two humidity cards into the slot positions of the unit lid. Moisten each card with 8-10 mL of distilled or deionized water. Refer to ThermoBrite Operator's Manual for reuse of humidity cards in subsequent runs.
- Turn the ThermoBrite unit on.
- Set the program for Denat Temp 76 °C and Denat Time 3 minutes (denaturation) and Hyb Temp 39°C and Hyb Time 14-18 hours (hybridization).
- When prompted, place slides on heating surface of the instrument. Ensure the slides lay flat and rest into the marked positions in the slide locator.
- Close ThermoBrite lid and run program.

Post-Hybridization Washes (Manual and Automated assays)

- Thirty minutes prior to washing, fill a Coplin jar with 0.4X SSC/ 0.3% NP-40 and place in a 73±1°C water bath. Using a calibrated thermometer, check the temperature of the solution inside the jar before adding slides for the wash procedure. The solution temperature should be 73±1°C.
- Fill a second jar with 2X SSC/ 0.1% NP-40 and place at room temperature. Discard both wash solutions after 1 day of use.
- Remove the rubber cement and coverslip from the slide(s).
- Place slide(s) in the 0.4X SSC/ 0.3% NP-40 immediately after removing the coverslip. When all the slides are in the jar (maximum of 4) incubate for 2 minutes at 73±1°C. Do not wash more than 4 slides at a time in the same jar; supplement with blank glass slides if necessary.
Note: Placing an individual slide in the jar should not require more than a few seconds; if it does, then be sure that no slide is in the wash buffer for more than 2 minutes. After removal of the slides, allow the temperature to return to 73±1°C before washing more slides.
- After 2 minutes remove the slide(s) from the wash solution and place the slide(s) in the Coplin jar containing 2X SSC/ 0.1% NP-40 at room temperature. Incubate for 5 seconds to 1 minute.
- Remove the slide(s) from the wash solution and place vertically in a dark area (such as a drawer) on a paper towel to dry completely.
- Apply 10 µL of DAPI II onto the target area and place a coverslip (18 mm square is recommended) over the DAPI II solution, avoiding air bubbles. Store the slide(s) in the dark prior to signal enumeration.

Slide Storage

Store hybridized slides (with coverslips) at -20°C in the dark. After removing from -20°C storage, allow slide(s) to reach room temperature prior to viewing using fluorescence microscopy.

Interpretation of Results

UroVysion probe signals and DAPI counterstain should be viewed with the following filters:

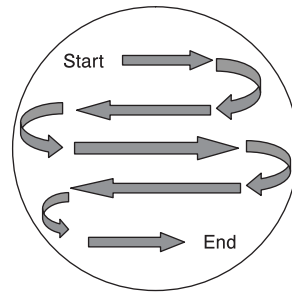
- DAPI single bandpass
- Aqua single bandpass (chromosome 17)
- Yellow (Gold) single bandpass (9p21 locus)
- Red/Green dual bandpass (chromosomes 3 and 7)

An epi-fluorescence microscope equipped with a 100-watt mercury lamp is strongly recommended. The DAPI counterstain will cause the nucleus to fluoresce bright blue.

Analysis of Specimen Slides

- Use the prescribed filters (see above) and a magnification of 400X for scanning (600X to 1000X for analysis, see step 5 below).
- Adjust the depth of focus and become familiar with the size and shape of the target signals and noise (debris).
- Begin analysis in the upper left quadrant of the target area. Scan fields from left to right and top to bottom, without re-scanning the same areas (see diagram below).

Note: There are approximately 70-80 fields of view per slide.



- Use the following criteria (see Figure 1) to select cells suspicious for malignancy (morphologically abnormal):
 - large nuclear size
 - irregular nuclear shape
 - "patchy" DAPI staining
 - cell clusters (do not count overlapping cells in clusters)

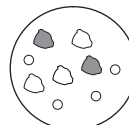
Note: Begin with those cells which appear morphologically abnormal. If few morphologically abnormal cells are present, select the largest cells, or those with the largest nuclei. If morphologically abnormal cells are not readily apparent, the entire sample should be scanned and nuclei representing the most morphologically abnormal cells should be scored first.

Figure 1
Cell Selection Criteria

Normal: Don't Count	Single Cell	
	2 Overtapping Cells	
Suspicious for Malignancy: Count	Atypical nuclear Morphology (a, b & c)	
	Cell Cluster (d)	

- Increase magnification to 600X to 1000X. Focus up and down to find all of the signals present in the nucleus.
- Determine the number of signals for all four probes in 25 morphologically abnormal cells** using the filters listed above (see Figures 2, 3 & 4).
- Record the chromosome pattern only if:
 - there is a gain (i.e., 3 or more signals) of two or more of chromosomes 3 (red), 7 (green), or 17 (aqua) . **or**
 - there is a loss of both copies of LSI 9p21.
 If chromosomes 3, 7, or 17 show the loss of both chromosomes, consider the cell to be uninterpretable due to hybridization failure.

Note: If surrounding cells show abnormal chromosome patterns, as described above, these cells should be recorded, even if they are not morphologically abnormal.



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	Morphologically normal cell. Do not score.
	Morphologically abnormal cell with diploid chromosome pattern. Count in total number of cells analyzed, but do not record chromosome pattern.
	Morphologically abnormal cell with abnormal chromosome pattern. Record the chromosome pattern.

- Record the total number of morphologically abnormal cells viewed (diploid and abnormal).
Note: Though the individual signal counts are not recorded, cells with non-diploid counts having at least one signal for each of the 4 probes but not fitting the criteria specified in Step 7 should be included, along with the diploid cells, in the overall total number of morphologically abnormal cells viewed.

9. If, after 25 morphologically abnormal cells have been analyzed**, any of the following criteria have been met, **STOP** analysis:

- ≥4 of the 25 cells show gains for 2 or more chromosomes (3, 7 or 17) in the same cell, **or**
- ≥12 of the 25 cells have zero 9p21 signals.

Otherwise, **continue** analysis until **either**:

- 4 cells with gain for multiple chromosomes have been detected, **or**
- 12 cells with zero 9p21 signals have been detected, **or**
- the entire sample has been analyzed.

** If morphologically abnormal cells are not readily apparent, the entire sample should be scanned and nuclei representing the most morphologically abnormal cells should be scored first.

Analysis of Quality Control Slides

For enumeration of quality control slides, follow steps 1 through 6 above. Enumerate **25 consecutive cells** and record the results. **Do not** select for morphologically abnormal cells only, or stop enumeration after detecting 4 or 12 cells as described above.

Figure 2
Single Color Signal Counting Guide

1		Don't count, skip over. This could be two cells with one signal each or one twisted nucleus.
2		Count as 2 signals: one is very compact, the other is diffuse.*
3		Don't count, skip over. Observer cannot determine which cell contains the signals.
4		Count as 2 signals. One signal is split.*
5		Count as three signals.
6		Count as four signals.
7		Count as 3 signals. One is split.

*Count a diffuse signal as one signal if diffusion of the signal is contiguous and within an acceptable boundary; two signals connected by a visible link are considered a split signal and should be counted as one signal. A split or diffuse signal may occur as a result of variable DNA condensation within a nucleus, the extent of which is dependent upon the current stage of cell division; it does not indicate an additional copy of the chromosome in that cell.

Figure 3
Dual-Color Signal Counting Guide

Key: ○ = green probe ● = red probe		
1		Don't count - nuclei are overlapping and all areas of both nuclei are not visible.
2		Count as one red signal and one green signal. The red signal is diffuse*.
3		Don't count. Nuclei are too close together to determine boundaries.
4		Count as one red signal and one green signal. The red signal is split*.
5		Count as one red signal and two green signals. One green signal is split and the red signal is split*.
6		Count as two red signals and one green signal.
7		Count as three red signals and one green signal.
8		Count as four red signals.

*Count a diffuse signal as one signal if diffusion of the signal is contiguous and within an acceptable boundary; two signals connected by a visible link are considered a split signal and should be counted as one signal. A split or diffuse signal may occur as a result of variable DNA condensation within a nucleus, the extent of which is dependent upon the current stage of cell division; it does not indicate an additional copy of the chromosome in that cell.

Figure 4
Examples of Chromosomally Normal and Abnormal Cells

Key: ○ = CEP 3 (red) ● = CEP 17 (aqua) ⊗ = CEP 7 (green) ● = LSI 9p21 (gold)	
1	Chromosomally normal cell
2	Chromosomally abnormal – gains of CEP 3 and CEP 17
3	Chromosomally abnormal – homozygous loss of LSI 9p21

Quality Control

Control slides must be run concurrently with patient slides to monitor assay performance and to assess the accuracy of signal viewing. One control slide (one positive and one negative target per slide) must be processed for each specimen processing run, and with each new kit lot. Control slides must be hybridized with the UroVysion probe mixture along with study specimen slides.

Perform signal enumeration according to the instructions in the analysis of quality control slides section above. The signal enumeration results should be within the specifications on the data sheets provided with the control slides for acceptable test performance.

If control slides fail to meet the slide acceptance criteria, the assay may not have been performed properly or the UroVysion assay reagents may have performed inadequately. In no case should UroVysion test results be reported if assay controls fail. If control slides meet the acceptance criteria but the results are outside the specified range, the enumeration may not have been performed correctly and an independent, repeat analysis of the same slide may be appropriate. In the event of hybridization failure, with either the study specimen or the control slide(s), consult the troubleshooting guide in Table 1. For clinical specimens, when interpretation of the hybridization signal is difficult the test is uninformative. If there are insufficient cells for analysis, the test is uninformative.

Patient specimens should be controlled according to standard laboratory procedure requirements. Hybridization quality and enumeration should be documented on an appropriate form. Hybridization quality and efficiency should be considered when evaluating results.

Table 1
Troubleshooting Guide

Problem	Probable Cause	Solution
• No signal or weak signals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate filter set used to view slides • Microscope not functioning properly • Improper lamps (i.e. Xenon or Tungsten) • Mercury lamp too old • Mercury lamp misaligned • Dirty and/or cracked collector lenses • Dirty or broken mirror in lamp house • Hybridization conditions inappropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use recommended filters • Call microscope manufacturer's technical representative • Use a mercury lamp (100 watt recommended) • Replace with a new lamp • Realign lamp • Clean and replace lens • Clean or replace mirror • Check denaturation and hybridization temperatures.
• Low signal specificity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate post-hybridization wash temperature • Air bubbles trapped under coverslip and prevented probe access • Inadequate protease digestion • DNA loss (poor DAPI staining) • Probes improperly stored 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase hybridization time to at least 16 hours • Check temp. of 73±1°C water bath • Apply coverslip by first touching the surface of the hybridization mixture • Check temp. of 37±1°C bath • Check that pH of buffer is 2.0±0.2 • Increase digestion time, up to 20 min. • Check fixation conditions • Store probes at -20°C in darkness
• Noisy background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hybridization conditions inappropriate • Wash temperature too low • Inadequate wash stringency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check denaturation and hybridization temperatures. • Maintain wash temp. at 73±1°C • Check pH of wash buffers • Check temperature of 73±1°C bath • Provide gentle agitation during wash
• Excessively bright signal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probe concentration too high for your microscope 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to block some of the signal by placing a neutral density filter in the excitation pathway.
• Cells structure not intact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sample was overdigested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce protease digestion time

Interpretation of Results

A minimum of 25 morphologically abnormal cells are analyzed. The signal distribution for morphologically abnormal cells showing either a gain of multiple chromosomes (i.e., 3 or more signals for more than one of the following (CEP 3 red, CEP 7 green or CEP 17 aqua) probes or a homozygous loss of 9p21 (i.e., no signals for LSI 9p21 yellow) is recorded. Analysis continues until either ≥4 cells with gains of multiple chromosomes or ≥12 cells with homozygous loss of 9p21 are detected, or until the entire sample is analyzed. The total number of chromosomally abnormal cells, i.e., cells with gains of multiple chromosomes or homozygous loss of 9p21, are determined; results are reported as positive or negative. Our clinical study found that specimens from patients positive for bladder cancer recurrence showed ≥4 cells with multiple chromosomal gains or ≥12 cells with loss of both copies of 9p21.

Results at or near the cutoff point (4 cells with gains of multiple chromosomes or 12 cells with homozygous loss of 9p21) should be interpreted with caution. The specimen slide should be re-enumerated by another technician to verify the results. If still in doubt, the assay should be repeated with a fresh specimen slide. If the test results are not consistent with the clinical findings, a consultation between the pathologist and the treating physician is warranted.

Reasons to Repeat the Assay

The following are situations requiring repeat assays with fresh specimen or existing slides and the appropriate control slides. Consult the troubleshooting guide (Table 1) for probable causes and the actions needed to correct specific problems.

- If one or both of the control slide targets fail to meet the slide acceptance criteria, the specimen slide results are not reliable, and the assay must be repeated.
- If there are fewer than 25 evaluable nuclei, the test is uninformative and the assay should be repeated.
- If, upon assessing the slide quality, any of the technical aspects (signal intensity, background, or cross-hybridization) are unsatisfactory, the assay must be repeated.

Limitations

- The UroVysion Kit has been optimized for identifying and quantitating chromosomes 3, 7, and 17, and locus 9p21 in human urine specimens.
- The performance of the UroVysion Kit was validated using the procedures provided in this package insert only. Modifications to these procedures may alter the performance of the assay.
- The clinical interpretation of any test results should be evaluated within the context of the patient's medical history and other diagnostic laboratory test results.
- UroVysion assay results may not be informative if the specimen quality and/or specimen slide preparation is inadequate, e.g., the presence of excessive granulocytes or massive bacteruria.
- Technologists performing the UroVysion signal enumeration must be capable of visually distinguishing between the red and green signals.
- Positive UroVysion results in the absence of other signs or symptoms of bladder cancer recurrence may be evidence of other urinary tract related cancers, e.g., ureter, urethra, renal, and/or prostate in males, and further patient follow-up is justified.

In a study conducted on patients with hematuria (see "Symptomatic Patients: Performance vs. Standard of Care" for details on this clinical study) 3 patients, whose initial bladder cystoscopy was negative, were subsequently diagnosed with renal cancer within 6 months of this initial study visit. All 3 of these cases were positive by UroVysion.

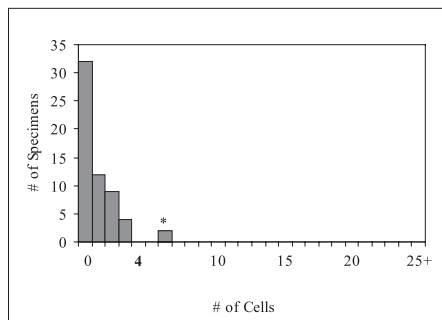
- If UroVysion results are negative but standard clinical or diagnostic tests (e.g., cytology, cystoscopy) are positive, the standard procedures take precedence over the UroVysion test. Although the UroVysion Kit was designed to detect genetic changes associated with most bladder cancers, there will be some bladder cancers whose genetic changes cannot be detected by the UroVysion test.
- Ta stage solitary tumors smaller than 5mm could not be detected by UroVysion FISH.²³ UroVysion FISH results are dependent on the amount of tumor cells that are deposited on the slide.

Expected Values

Values Among Healthy Subjects

FISH analysis with the UroVysion Kit was performed with urine specimens from 59 healthy donors (50 non-smokers and 9 smokers), as part of an assay specificity study (see also Specificity section below). All 59 healthy donor specimens were negative by UroVysion. The distribution of chromosomally abnormal cells in this population is shown in Figure 5. Note that there were 2 specimens with ≥ 4 abnormal cells (identified by * in Figure 5), however in both cases all 6 abnormal cells showed homozygous loss of 9p21 only. The cutoff for 9p21 loss is ≥ 12 cells, thus these two specimens are considered negative.

Figure 5
Distribution of Chromosomally Abnormal Cells among Healthy Subjects



Values Among Patients with History of Bladder Cancer

In a prospective, longitudinal study of patients with a history of bladder cancer, 62 patients experienced a recurrence within 17 months as determined by cystoscopy/histology (see "Clinical Studies; Bladder Cancer Recurrence: Performance vs. Standard of Care" section for details regarding this clinical study). The distribution of chromosomally abnormal cells among these 62 patients is shown in Figure 6. The distribution of chromosomally abnormal cells among the 114 patients who did not experience a recurrence based on standard clinical measures (cystoscopy/histology) is shown in Figure 7.

Figure 6
Distribution of Chromosomally Abnormal Cells among Patients Experiencing a Recurrence of Bladder Cancer as Determined by Cystoscopy/Histology

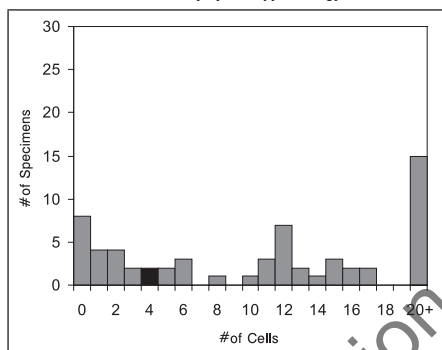
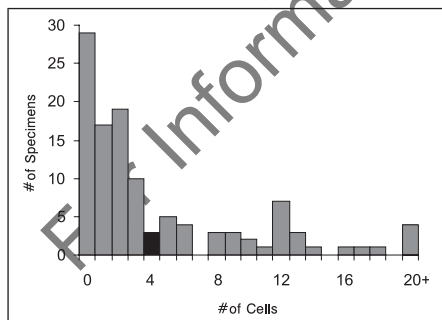


Figure 7
Distribution of Chromosomally Abnormal Cells among Patients Negative for Recurrence of Bladder Cancer as Determined by Cystoscopy/Histology



Values Among Patients with Hematuria but No History of Bladder Cancer

In a prospective, longitudinal study of patients symptomatic for bladder cancer, 50 patients were diagnosed with bladder cancer, as determined by cystoscopy/histology, and one patient was diagnosed with ureteral cancer (see "Clinical Studies; Symptomatic Patients: Performance vs. Standard of Care" section for details regarding this clinical study). The distribution of chromosomally abnormal cells among these 51 patients is shown in Figure 8. The distribution of chromosomally abnormal cells among the 419 patients who did not have bladder cancer, based on standard clinical measures (cystoscopy/histology), is shown in Figure 9.

Figure 8
Distribution of Chromosomally Abnormal Cells among Symptomatic Patients Positive for Bladder Cancer as Determined by Cystoscopy/Histology

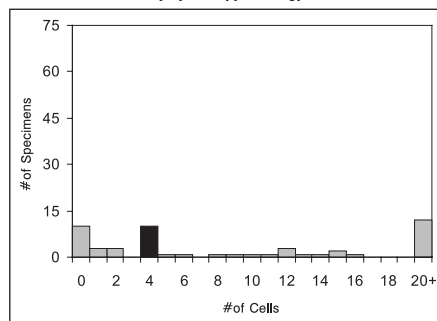
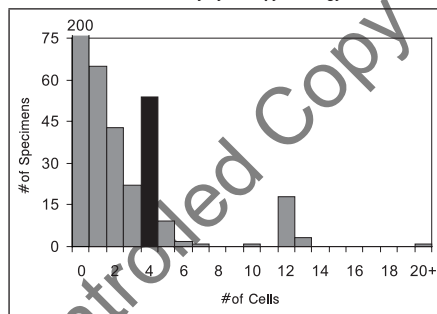


Figure 9
Distribution of Chromosomally Abnormal Cells among Symptomatic Patients Negative for Bladder Cancer as Determined by Cystoscopy/Histology



Performance Characteristics

Non-Clinical

Hybridization Efficiency: Informative vs. Non-Informative Results

On the ProbeChek™ quality control slides run in conjunction with the clinical trials, 1.2% (4/328) (95%CI: 0.3%, 3.1%) of the targets failed due to lack of hybridization. These slides are prepared from cultured human bladder carcinoma (positive target) and normal lymphoblast (negative target) cell lines, and represent the best-case scenario for hybridization efficiency. Thus, under these conditions, the hybridization efficiency was found to be 98.8% (324/328) (95% CI: 96.9%, 99.7%), with <2% cells having no signal for any of the probes. On the subset of 6 control slides assayed using the automated pretreatment (VP 2000 Processor) and automated UroVysion assay (HYBrite) procedures, the hybridization efficiency was 100% (6/6) (95% CI: 54.1%, 100%).

In a reproducibility study conducted using the manual pretreatment and manual UroVysion assay procedures on specimens prepared from human bladder carcinoma cell lines, 76 of 80 specimens yielded informative results on the first attempt. Of the 4 uninformative specimens, 3 were due to lack of hybridization. Therefore the hybridization efficiency was found to be 96.2% (76/79) (95% CI: 89.3%, 99.2%), based on the following definition:

$$\% \text{ Hybridization Efficiency} = 100 - [\text{hybridization failures} / (\text{informative results} + \text{hybridization failures})] \times 100$$

In a specificity study conducted using the manual pretreatment and manual UroVysion assay procedures on urine specimens from patients with no history of bladder cancer, 230 of 309 specimens yielded informative results on the first attempt and 18 of the uninformative results were due to lack of hybridization, resulting in a hybridization efficiency of 93% (230/248) (95% CI: 88.8%, 95.6%), based on the definition above. The remaining non-informative assays were the result of poor specimen quality (e.g., insufficient number of cells) or technical error (e.g., oil under coverslip).

Repeat assays were conducted on 67 specimens; 12 of the 79 specimens with non-informative initial results had insufficient volume remaining to repeat the assay. Of the 67 repeat assays, 45 yielded informative results, leaving 34 specimens classified as "non-informative" (including the 12 cases with insufficient volume for repeat assay). In summary, 89% (275/309) (95% CI: 85.0%, 92.3%) of the cases yielded an informative result on the first or second attempt.

Similarly, in a clinical study conducted using the manual pretreatment and manual UroVysion assay procedures on urine specimens from patients with a history of bladder cancer, 175 of 251 specimens yielded informative results on the first attempt and 26 of the 76 uninformative results were due to lack of hybridization. The hybridization efficiency among these specimens was found to be 87.1% (175/201) (95% CI: 81.6%, 91.4%), based on the definition above. The remaining non-informative assays were the result of poor specimen quality (e.g., insufficient number of cells) or technical error (e.g., broken slide).

Repeat assays were conducted manually on 70 specimens; six of the 76 specimens had insufficient volume remaining to repeat the assay. Of the 70 repeat assays, 59 yielded informative results, leaving 17 specimens classified as "non-informative" (including the 6 cases with insufficient volume for repeat assay). In summary, 93.2% (234/251) (95% CI: 89.4%, 96.0%) of the cases yielded an informative result on the first or second attempt.

In a clinical study conducted using the automated UroVysion assay procedure on urine specimens from patients symptomatic for bladder cancer, 521 of 570 specimens (497 eligible patients plus 73 follow-up visits) yielded informative results on the first attempt and 5 of the 49 uninformative results were due to lack of hybridization. The hybridization efficiency among these specimens was found to be 99.0% (521/526) (95% CI: 97.8%, 99.7%), based on the definition above. The remaining non-informative assays were the result of poor specimen quality (e.g., insufficient number of cells) or technical error (e.g., broken slide or QC slide failure). On the subset of 44 specimens for which the automated pretreatment procedure was also used, the hybridization efficiency was 96.7% (29/30) (95% CI: 82.8%, 99.9%).

Repeat assays were conducted on 43 specimens; 6 of the 49 specimens had insufficient volume remaining to repeat the assay. Of the 43 repeat assays, 26 yielded informative results, leaving 23 specimens classified as "non-informative" (including the 6 cases with insufficient volume for repeat assay). In summary, 96.0% (547/570, 95% CI: 94.0%, 97.0%) of the cases yielded an informative result on the first or second attempt.

To summarize, under all of these conditions, which simulate the normal clinical practice, the hybridization efficiency was found to be $\geq 87\%$. The studies showed also that hybridization efficiencies between specimens processed using the manual versus automated procedures were equivalent.

Analytical Specificity

Locus specificity studies were performed with metaphase spreads according to standard Abbott Molecular QC protocols. A total of 42 metaphase spreads were examined sequentially by reverse DAPI banding to identify chromosomes 3, 7 and 17, and the 9p21 locus, followed by UroVysion. No cross-hybridization to other chromosome loci was observed in any of the 42 cells examined; hybridization was limited to the intended target regions of the four probes.

Interference

Three voided urine pools (one male, one female, one male/female mix) from normal healthy volunteers were spiked with the substances listed in Table 2 and assayed with the UroVysion Kit to test for possible assay interference. Replicate samples for each urine pool were evaluated for each substance (i.e., 6 samples per substance tested); 25 consecutive cells were enumerated for each specimen. No interference was detected from any of the substances tested; results from all samples were negative (i.e., < 4 abnormal cells as defined in this package insert). The highest concentrations tested for each substance are shown in Table 2. Note that conducting this study on urine specimens from bladder cancer patients was not feasible due to the volume necessary to obtain enough cells to replicate the specimen between conditions. Hence the assay interference on specimens containing morphologically abnormal cells was not assessed.

Table 2
Substances Tested for Assay Interference

Substance	Highest Concentration Tested
<i>Possible Urine Constituents</i>	
Albumin	1.0 g/dL
Ascorbic Acid	5 g/dL
Bilirubin (unconjugated)	2 mg/mL
Hemoglobin	100 mg/mL
IgG	10 mg/dL
Red Blood Cells (human)	1 x 10 ⁶ cells/mL
White Blood Cells (human)	1 x 10 ⁶ cells/mL
Sodium Chloride	730 mg/dL
Uric Acid	250 mg/dL
Caffeine	117 mg/dL
Ethanol	1% (v/v)
Nicotine	28 mg/dL
<i>Possible Microbial Contaminants</i>	
<i>Candida albicans</i>	2.5 x 10 ¹⁰ CFU/mL
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	2.5 x 10 ¹⁰ CFU/mL
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	2.5 x 10 ¹² CFU/mL
<i>Therapeutic Agents</i>	
Acetaminophen	5.2 g/dL
Acetylsalicylic Acid	5.2 g/dL
Ampicillin	600 mg/dL
BCG	20 mg/dL
Doxorubicin-HCl	10 mg/dL
Mitomycin C	10 mg/dL
Nitrofurantoin	50 mg/dL
Phenazopyridine-HCl	200 mg/dL
Thiotepa	10 mg/dL
Trimethoprim	50 mg/dL
<i>Preservatives</i>	
Carbowax	2% Carbowax/50% ethanol solution (33 mL urine with 17 mL preservative)
UroCor, Inc. fixative	50/50 with urine
CytoRichRed (Autocyte)	50/50 with urine
Saccamono's solution	50/50 with urine
PreservCyt solution (Cytoc)	50/50 with urine
100% Ethanol	50/50 with urine

Reproducibility

Reproducibility of Patient Samples

Conducting reproducibility studies on urine specimens from bladder cancer patients was not feasible; this is because one patient cell pellet does not yield enough cells to replicate the specimen between observers. Hence the reproducibility of results on morphologically abnormal cells was not assessed. Absent a comparison of replicate measures, the magnitude of results variation introduced by specimen manipulation, staining and counting errors is unknown. The statistics for small numbers of events imply a substantial coefficient of variation for samples with abnormal cell counts close to the 4 cell and 12 cell cutoffs described in "Interpretation of Results."

Reproducibility of Bladder Carcinoma Cell Culture Specimens

To assess the reproducibility of the UroVysion assay, analyses of the signal distributions for CEP 3, CEP 7, CEP 17 and LSI 9p21 were assessed for inter-site (4) reproducibility on slides prepared from 4 different bladder carcinoma cell lines. Four specimens prepared from human bladder carcinoma cell lines with normal (one specimen) and abnormal (3 specimens) signal distributions were evaluated for CEP 3, CEP 7, CEP 17 and LSI 9p21 according to the Instructions for analysis of quality control slides in this package insert (see "Interpretation of Results: Analysis of Quality Control Slides"). Each site assayed four replications of the same specimen on each of four assay days (a different specimen each day), using a single probe lot for all specimens. On each assay day, an additional "wild card" specimen was added to eliminate bias and was not included in the data analysis. Each specimen was evaluated by one observer at each site. Informative results were obtained in 95.0% (76/80) of the specimens on the first attempt. Hybridization of all replacement slides was successful. The mean, standard deviation, and percent CV of the average number of signals for the four probes is shown in Table 3. As shown in this table, the mean number of signals for each probe varies within a narrow range. The absence of LSI 9p21 signals in specimen 2 causes a large %CV for this probe, but this specimen is still easily classified as having a loss of the 9p21 locus; in 95% of the observations on this specimen (19/20) the average number of LSI 9p21 signals was <0.2. There were no false negative results in this study of human bladder carcinoma cell lines; all (48/48) evaluations of specimens 2, 3 and 4 (16 each) would have been classified as positive by the definition of ≥4 cells with gains of multiple chromosomes (3 or more signals for two or more of CEP 3, CEP 7 or CEP 17), or ≥12 cells with homozygous loss of 9p21 (0 LSI 9p21 signals). Of the 16 evaluations of the normal specimen, one would have been classified as positive using the above definition; this case showed 6 cells with gains of multiple chromosomes.

Table 3
Between-Site Reproducibility

Specimen	Statistics ^a	Number of Signals			
		CEP 3	CEP 7	CEP 17	LSI 9p21
1	Mean	2.21	2.12	2.14	2.19
	S.D.	0.15	0.12	0.12	0.21
	C.V. (%)	6.79%	5.52%	5.66%	9.66%
	Range	2.08-2.68	1.92-2.40	1.96-2.52	2.00-2.92
	n	16	16	16	16
2	Mean	3.95	4.31	3.42	0.03
	S.D.	0.10	0.25	0.16	0.07
	C.V. (%)	2.49%	5.76%	4.76%	220.44%
	Range	3.84-4.16	3.76-4.84	3.16-3.72	0.00-0.24
	n	16	16	16	16
3	Mean	4.28	3.55	3.42	3.86
	S.D.	0.32	0.34	0.25	0.47
	C.V. (%)	7.58%	9.47%	7.21%	12.14%
	Range	3.88-5.04	3.12-4.24	3.04-3.96	3.16-4.72
	n	16	16	16	16
4	Mean	3.18	3.88	3.84	3.85
	S.D.	0.15	0.10	0.10	0.15
	C.V. (%)	4.63%	2.45%	2.70%	3.90%
	Range	2.96-3.52	3.64-4.04	3.64-4.12	3.56-4.24
	n	16	16	16	16

Clinical Studies

Bladder Cancer Recurrence: Performance vs. Standard of Care Study Summary

A multi-center, prospective, longitudinal study was conducted at 21 sites over 17 months to further define the performance characteristics of the UroVysion Kit relative to cystoscopy followed by histology, the standard of care for monitoring for disease recurrence in patients previously diagnosed with bladder cancer. The comparative reference used for all calculations was cystoscopy with histology confirmation for positive or suspicious cystoscopies. If a patient had a positive cystoscopy but histology was absent (e.g., the lesion was fulgurated), then the specimen was considered positive for bladder cancer. If a test had a suspicious cystoscopy but histology was absent, then the case was omitted from analysis. A total of 309 patient visits were conducted at 21 investigation sites, resulting in 251 usable office visits. The 58 unusable visits included 17 that did not meet the eligibility criteria, 16 with insufficient urine volume, 10 with suspicious cystoscopies with no histology, and in 15 cases urine was not sent to the testing laboratories. All specimens were preserved in Carbowax. Urine processing and analysis were conducted at one centralized testing laboratory. The manual pretreatment and manual UroVysion assay procedures were used for all specimens. UroVysion assay and analysis on the 251 usable office visits resulted in 234 informative results, representing 176 unique patients. For patients who experienced a recurrence during the trial (as determined by cystoscopy/histology), the first positive visit was used (i.e., the visit at which the diagnosis of recurrence was established). For the non-recurring patients, the last negative visit was used for those patients with more than one visit. The demographics for the 176 unique patients are summarized in Table 4.

Table 4
Patient Demographics
Bladder Cancer Recurrence Study

Sex	Male	132
	Female	44
Race	Caucasian	153
	African American	3
	Hispanic	18
	Other	4
	Unknown	4
Age	Range	36-98 years
	Average	71 years

Performance vs. Standard of Care

Of the eligible patients with informative UroVysion results, 62 were positive by cystoscopy/histology. A breakdown of the number of tumors by stage and grade is shown in Table 5.

Table 5
Number of Tumors, by Stage and Grade
Bladder Cancer Recurrence Study

Tumor Stage	Tumor Grade					Total
	ND	1	2	3	Unknown	
ND	1	0	0	0	0	11
Ta	0	20	6	6	0	32
T1	0	0	2	3	1	6
T2	0	0	0	2	1	3
Tis	0	0	0	7	0	7
Unknown	0	2	1	0	0	3
Total	11	22	9	18	2	62

ND = not assigned or no biopsy

Table 6 shows the performance of the UroVysion Kit, relative to cystoscopy/histology, by tumor stage and grade for all cases with biopsy information available. The UroVysion Kit showed greatest clinical sensitivity (100%) among the most severe tumors (T2 and Tis), when compared to cystoscopy/histology.

Table 6
Comparison of UroVysion vs. Cystoscopy/Histology for
Detection of Bladder Cancer Recurrence by Tumor Stage and Grade^a

Stage:	Clinical Sensitivity (%)	
	UroVysion	Cystoscopy/Histology
All	36/48 (75.0%)	
Ta, Grade 1	11/20 (55.0%)	
Ta, Grade 2,3	10/12 (83.3%)	
T1	5/6 (83.3%)	
T2	3/3 (100%)	
Tis	7/7 (100%)	
Grade:		
All	36/49 (73.5%)	
1	12/22 (54.5%)	
2	7/9 (77.8%)	
3	17/18 (94.4%)	

^a Biopsy was not performed in 11 cases. In addition, no stage was assigned in 3 cases and no grade in 2 cases.

Table 7 shows a comparison of the performance of the UroVysion Kit relative to cystoscopy followed by histology. Overall, FISH analysis with the UroVysion Kit demonstrated a clinical sensitivity of 71.0% and a clinical specificity of 65.8% when compared to the results of cystoscopy, followed by histology in the case of positive or suspicious cystoscopy (Note: A positive cystoscopy without a biopsy was considered positive in this analysis).

Table 7
Comparison of UroVysion vs. Cystoscopy/Histology for Detection of Bladder Cancer Recurrence
Cysto/Histo

UroVysion	Cysto/Histo		Total
	+	-	
+	44	39	83
-	18	75	93
Total	62	114	176

Clinical Sensitivity = 71.0% (44/62) (95% CI = 58.1% - 81.8%)
Clinical Specificity = 65.8% (75/114) (95% CI = 56.3% - 74.4%)
Accuracy = 67.6% (119/176) (95% CI = 60.2% - 74.5%)
(+) Predictive Value = 53.0% (44/83) (95% CI = 41.7% - 64.1%)
(-) Predictive Value = 80.6% (75/93) (95% CI = 71.1% - 88.1%)
Prevalence = 35.2% (62/176) (95% CI = 28.2% - 42.8%)

The positive and negative predictive values of the UroVysion Test could be determined for prevalence rates of 10%, 20% and 30%; these are presented in Table 8. This extrapolation assumed a clinical sensitivity of 71.0% and a clinical specificity of 65.8% (Table 7).

Table 8
Hypothetical Positive Predictive and Negative Predictive Values of the UroVysion Test

Bladder Cancer Recurrence Prevalence	PPV	NPV
10%	18.7%	95.3%
20%	34.2%	90.1%
30%	47.1%	84.1%

Table 9 shows a comparison of the performance of the UroVysion Kit relative to cystoscopy/histology in patients who had received their last treatment with intravesical BCG within 3 months of UroVysion testing. The mean time duration of BCG treatment was 1.3 months (range 0.4-3.4 months). The mean time between the last BCG treatment and UroVysion testing among these patients was 1.3 months; the range was 0 (treatment ongoing at the time of UroVysion testing) to 3 months. Three of the 12 true positive cases were Tis, three were stage Ta grade 1, three were stage Ta grade 3, two were stage T1 grade 3, and one was stage T2 grade 3 (muscle invasive); the one false negative case was stage Ta grade 1.

Table 9
Comparison of UroVysion vs. Cystoscopy/Histology for Detection of Bladder Cancer Recurrence in Patients on BCG Therapy within 3 Months

UroVysion	Cysto/Histo		Total
	+	-	
+	12	10	22
-	1	16	17
Total	13	26	39

Clinical Sensitivity = 92.3% (95% CI = 64.0% - 99.8%)
 Clinical Specificity = 61.5% (95% CI = 40.6% - 79.8%)
 Accuracy = 71.8% (95% CI = 55.1% - 85.0%)
 (+) Predictive Value = 54.5% (95% CI = 32.2% - 75.6%)
 (-) Predictive Value = 94.1% (95% CI = 71.3% - 99.9%)
 Prevalence = 33.3% (95% CI = 19.1% - 50.2%)

Longitudinal Study

As a continuation of the multi-center prospective study described above, office visit information (without UroVysion or BTastat testing) was subsequently collected for patients who had not experienced a relapse (i.e., cystoscopy/histology negative) for a period of approximately 1 year from their last visit during the main phase of the trial. Of the 114 eligible patients, office visit form information was collected from 105. A total of 335 patient visits were reported, resulting in 299 usable office visits, representing 104 unique patients (Note: for 1 patient the only office visit reported was an ineligible visit). The 36 unusable visits included 21 that did not meet eligibility criteria and 15 with suspicious cystoscopies but no histology. For patients who experienced a recurrence (as determined by cystoscopy/histology), the first positive visit was used. For non-recurring patients, the last negative visit was used for those patients with more than one visit. The results showed recurrence in a greater percentage of patients in the UroVysion positive, cystoscopy/histology negative group than in the UroVysion negative, cystoscopy/histology negative group. The results are summarized in Table 10.

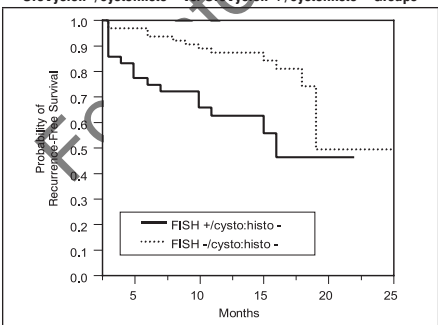
Table 10
Longitudinal Study Summary

	UroVysion - /cysto:histo -	UroVysion+ /cysto:histo -
% Recurrence	19.12% (13/68)	41.67% (15/36)
Follow-up time (months):		
No recurrence	14.3±3.9	13.5±3.4
Recurrence	11.0±5.8	6.9±4.4
Recurrence Details ¹ :		
Stage		
Ta G1	5	3
Ta G2,3	0	1
T1	2	0
Tis	0	1
Grade		
1	5	5
2	1	1
3	1	1

¹ Biopsy was not performed in 8 cases (4 UroVysion+ /cysto:histo-, 4 UroVysion- /cysto:histo-). Slides were not provided by collection site for assessment by the central pathologist in 6 cases (4 UroVysion+ /cysto:histo-, 2 UroVysion- /cysto:histo-). No stage was assigned in 2 UroVysion+ /cysto:histo- cases.

Probability estimates for non-recurrence at various intervals were determined using the product-limit method for right-censored data (i.e. Kaplan-Meier). Analysis of homogeneity between the two patient groups (anticipatory positives, and true negatives) was determined using the log-rank statistic. As shown in Figure 10, the analysis shows that a statistical difference was maintained throughout the follow-up period between the UroVysion+ /cysto:histo- and the UroVysion- /cysto:histo- groups. The p-value is 0.0031. A similar analysis using the parametric Weibull considered the interval censoring directly; the difference was again significant, with p = 0.0236.

Figure 10
Recurrence-Free Survival for Patients in the UroVysion -/cysto:histo- vs. UroVysion +/cysto:histo- Groups



Specificity Study Summary

In addition to the UroVysion clinical specificities of 65.8% established in the bladder cancer recurrence study and 77.7% established in the hematuria study, a multi-center, prospective study was conducted to establish specificity of the UroVysion test in healthy subjects and urology patients without prior history or clinical evidence of bladder cancer. A total of 315 patient visits were conducted in conjunction with this trial, resulting in 309 usable office visits. The 6 unusable visits included one that failed to meet the study eligibility criteria, 4 with insufficient urine volume, and in 1 case urine was not sent to the testing laboratory. All specimens were preserved in Carbowax. The manual pretreatment and

manual UroVysion assay procedures were used for all specimens. Since several patients' health conditions fell into multiple categories, the 275 patient specimens yielding informative results represented 357 data points. The patient population is summarized by category in Table 11.

Table 11
Patient Population

Condition	# of Patients
Healthy Subjects	59
Non-Smokers	50
Smokers	9
Non-GU Benign Diseases	48
Non-GU Cancer	3
GU Diseases	184
BPH	58
Microhematuria	15
Interstitial Cystitis	11
Inflammation/Infection: Other	17
STD	2
Other	81
GU Cancer (non-bladder)	61
Prostate	58
Renal	3
GU Trauma	2
Total:	357

Specificity

The overall specificity of the UroVysion test in healthy subjects and urology patients without prior history or clinical evidence of bladder cancer was 93.0% (332/357). A summary of the overall specificity and the specificity by category is shown in Table 12. To eliminate the potential bias of including multiple data points for any particular patient, the specificity was also calculated on "unique cases", where each patient was counted only once, regardless of the number of medical conditions present. The specificity among the unique cases was 94.5% (260/275, Table 12).

Table 12
Summary: UroVysion Kit Specificity

Overall Specificity	93.0% (332/357)
Unique Patients	94.5% (260/275)
Healthy vs. Non-Healthy	
Healthy	100% (59/59)
Non-Healthy	93.1 (201/216)
Smokers vs. Non-Smokers ¹	
Smokers	95.2% (40/42)
Non-Smokers	94.7% (234/247)
Individual Categories ²	
Healthy Donors	100% (59/59)
Healthy non-smokers	100% (50/50)
Healthy smokers	100% (9/9)
Non-GU Benign Diseases	91.7% (44/48)
Non-GU Cancer ³	66.7% (2/3)
GU Diseases	91.9% (169/184)
BPH	91.4% (53/58)
Microhematuria	86.7% (13/15)
Interstitial Cystitis	90.7% (10/11)
Inflammation/Infection: Other	100% (17/17)
STD	100% (2/2)
Other	91.4% (74/81)
GU Cancer (non-bladder)	91.8% (56/61)
Prostate	91.4% (53/58)
Renal	100% (3/3)
GU Trauma	100% (2/2)

¹Smoking status unknown in 1 patient.

²Some non-healthy patients had health conditions falling into multiple disease categories, resulting in totals >275 for individual disease categories.

³Non-GU cancers included breast (1), colon (1), and leukemia (1).

Based on the patient population in this study, the UroVysion test, when used with the manual pretreatment and manual UroVysion assay procedures, demonstrated an overall specificity of 93.0% (332/357), with a 100% specificity (59/59) among healthy subjects. The specificity among unique cases was 94.5% (260/275). The false positive results found in 15 patients represented the following categories (note that some patients had health conditions falling into multiple disease categories); non-genitourinary (GU) benign diseases (4), non-GU cancer (1), GU diseases (15), and GU cancer (5). These results indicate that the test is highly specific in this patient group and that the UroVysion probes reacted only with the intended chromosomes.

Symptomatic Patients: Performance vs. Standard of Care Study Summary

A multi-center, prospective, longitudinal study was conducted to further define the performance characteristics of the UroVysion Kit relative to cystoscopy followed by histology, the standard of care for diagnosing bladder cancer in patients presenting with hematuria. The comparative reference used for all calculations was cystoscopy with histology confirmation for positive or suspicious cystoscopies. A total of 629 patient visits were consented at 23 investigation sites, resulting in 497 eligible patients. The 132 ineligible patients included: 74 that did not meet the eligibility criteria; 12 with insufficient urine volume; 14 with urine improperly shipped to the testing laboratories; 12 who initially consented but then refused entry prior to providing a urine specimen; 18 whose specimens were collected after the study end, or whose urine was not received at the testing laboratory; and 2 whose informed consent was not properly documented. Urine processing and analysis were conducted at three centralized testing laboratories. All specimens were preserved in PreservCyt[®]. Two of the three laboratories used the manual pretreatment method; one site used the automated pretreatment procedure. All UroVysion assays were conducted using the automated (HYBrite™) procedure. The patient demographics for the 497 eligible patients are summarized in Table 13.

Table 13
Patient Demographics
Symptomatic Patient Study

Sex	Male	298
	Female	199
Race	Caucasian	440
	African American	26
	Hispanic	15
	Asian	4
	Other/Unspecified	12
Age	Average	63.1 years
	Range	40-97 years

Performance vs. Standard of Care

UroVysion assay and analysis on the 497 eligible patients resulted in 479 informative results for initial study visits. Of the 479 initial study visits with informative results; 6 had uninformative cytology results and, per protocol were not included in the analysis, leaving 473 patients in the main data set. Of the 473 eligible patients in the main data set, 50 were positive for bladder cancer by cystoscopy/histology, and 1 for ureteral cancer. A breakdown of the number of tumors by stage and grade is shown in Table 14.

Table 14
Number of Tumors, by Stage and Grade
Symptomatic Patient Study

Tumor Stage	Tumor Grade				Total
	1	2	3	Unknown	
Ta	21	6	4	0	31
T1	0	3	3	1*	7
T2	0	1	8	0	10
Tis	0	0	1*	0	1
Unknown	0	0	1	1*	2
Total	21	10	17	3	51

*Note: Discrepant analysis by both the local pathologist and an alternate central pathologist showed no cancer.

*1 case whose initial cystoscopic examination was negative, but who was subsequently diagnosed with ureteral cancer within 6 months of the initial study visit.
adenocarcinomas

Table 15 shows the performance of the UroVysion Kit, relative to cystoscopy/histology, by tumor stage and grade for all positive cases.

Table 15
Comparison of UroVysion vs. Cystoscopy/Histology for Detection of Bladder Cancer by Tumor Stage and Grade

Stage	UroVysion	Cytology
TaG1	48% (10/21)	24% (5/21)
TaG2	83% (5/6)	50% (3/6)
TaG3	100% (4/4)	50% (2/4)
T1	86% (6/7)	43% (3/7)
T2	90% (9/10)	60% (6/10)
Tis	0% (0/1)*	0% (0/1)*
Unknown*	50% (1/2)	50% (1/2)
Grade	UroVysion	Cytology
1	48% (10/21)	24% (5/21)
2	70% (7/10)	30% (3/10)
3	88% (15/17)	53% (9/17)
Unknown*#	100% (3/3)	100% (3/3)

*1 case with unknown stage (grade 3); 1 ureteral cancer of unknown stage and grade.

*Note: Discrepant analysis by both the local pathologist and an alternate central pathologist showed no cancer.

Includes 2 adenocarcinomas (1 stage T1, 1 stage T2) with unknown grade.

Table 16 shows a comparison of the performance of the UroVysion Kit relative to cystoscopy followed by histology. Overall, FISH analysis with the UroVysion Kit demonstrated a clinical sensitivity of 68.6% and a clinical specificity of 77.7% when compared to the results of cystoscopy, followed by histology in the case of positive or suspicious cystoscopy.

Table 16
Comparison of UroVysion vs. Cystoscopy/Histology
for Detection of Bladder Cancer: Adenocarcinoma Cases Included

UroVysion	+	-	Total
+	35	94*	129
-	16	328	344
Total	51*	422	473

*Includes one case ureteral cancer

* Includes 3 patients diagnosed with upper urinary tract tumors within 6 months of their study visit.

Clinical Sensitivity = 68.6% (35/51)(95% CI = 54.1% - 80.9%)
Clinical Specificity = 77.7% (328/422)(95% CI = 73.4% - 81.6%)
Accuracy = 76.7% (363/473)(95% CI = 72.7% - 80.5%)
(+) Predictive Value = 27.1% (35/129)(95% CI = 19.7% - 35.7%)
(-) Predictive Value = 95.3% (328/344)(95% CI = 92.6% - 97.3%)
Prevalence = 10.8% (51/473)(95% CI = 8.1% - 13.9%)

Thus, a negative result does not rule out all bladder cancer. Neither does a negative UroVysion result mean that an individual will never develop bladder cancer.

In addition, 3 patients, whose initial bladder cystoscopy was negative, were subsequently diagnosed with upper urinary tract tumors (pTaG3 transitional cell carcinoma of the renal pelvis; G3 invasive papillary urothelial carcinoma of the ureter plus Tis of the ureter; adenocarcinoma of the left kidney) within 6 months of this initial study visit. All 3 of these cases were positive by UroVysion; one of the 3 was positive by cytology.

Positive UroVysion results in the absence of other signs or symptoms of bladder cancer recurrence may be evidence of other urinary tract related cancers, e.g., ureter, urethra, renal, and/or prostate in males, and further patient follow-up is justified.

The positive and negative predictive values of the UroVysion Test could be determined for prevalence rates of 1%, 3% and 10.5%; these are presented in Table 17. This extrapolation assumed a clinical sensitivity of 68.6% and a clinical specificity of 77.7% (Table 16).

Table 17
Hypothetical Positive Predictive and Negative Predictive Values of the UroVysion Test

Bladder Cancer Prevalence	PPV	NPV
1.0%	3.1%	99.6%
3.0%	8.9%	98.9%
10.5%	27.0%	95.5%

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