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Key Points:

45 **Question:** Is MRI with targeted biopsy only non-inferior to systematic biopsy in all for the  
46 diagnosis of clinically significant Pca ?

47 **Findings:** A prospective phase 3 randomized clinical trial in 453 men. Clinically significant  
48 cancer was found in 35% vs 30% in the MRI and systematic biopsy arms respectively.  
49 demonstrating non-inferiority. 37% on the MRI arm avoided a biopsy. . Diagnosis of GG1 PCa  
50 was reduced by > 50%.

51 **Meaning:** MRI with targeted biopsy alone resulted in similar detection rates of clinically  
52 significant PCa while avoiding biopsy in over 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of men and reducing the diagnosis of  
53 clinically insignificant cancer.

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57 Abstract:

58 Importance: : MRI with targeted biopsy is an appealing alternative to systematic 12 core TRUS  
59 biopsy for prostate cancer diagnosis but has yet to be widely adopted.

60 Objectives: We sought to determine whether MRI with only targeted biopsy was non-inferior  
61 (NI) to systematic trans-rectal ultrasound (TRUS) biopsies in the detection of ISUP GG)  $\geq 2$   
62 prostate cancer.

63 Design: A multicenter, prospective randomized trial.

64 Setting: 5 Canadian academic Health Sciences Centres

65 Participants: Biopsy-naïve men with a clinical suspicion of prostate cancer. advised to have a  
66 prostate biopsy. Clinical suspicion was defined as a:  $\geq 5\%$  chance of  $\geq$  GG2 prostate cancer using  
67 the PCPT Risk Calculator version 2. Additional criteria were serum PSA  $\leq 20\text{ng/ml}$ , and no  
68 contraindication to MRI.

69 Intervention: MRI,targeted biopsy only if a PI-RADSv2.0  $\geq 3$  lesion was identified, , vs 12 core  
70 systematic TRUS-Biopsy.

71 Main Outcome and Measures: The proportion of men diagnosed with GG  $\geq 2$  cancer. Secondary  
72 outcomes included the proportions diagnosed with GG1 PCa; with GG $\geq 3$  cancer; no significant  
73 cancer but subsequent positive MRI and/or GG $\geq 2$  cancer detected on a repeat biopsy by 2 years;  
74 and adverse events.

75 Results: The intention-to-treat (ITT) population consisted of 453 patients randomized to TRUSBx  
76 (n=226) or MRI-TB (n=227), of which 421 were evaluable per protocol. A PI-RADS  $\geq 3$  lesion  
77 was detected in 138/221 (62.4%) men having MRI, with 26 (12.1%), 82 (38.1%) and 30 (14.0%)  
78 having maximum PI-RADS scores of 3, 4 and 5, respectively. Eighty-three of 221 (37%) MRI-TB  
79 men had a negative MRI and avoided biopsy. GG  $\geq 2$  cancers were identified in 67 of 225 (30%)  
80 men allocated to TRUSBx versus 79 of 227 (35%) allocated to MRI-TB (absolute difference 5%,  
81 97.5% one-sided CI=-3.4% to  $\infty$ , NI margin was -5%). Adverse events were less common in the  
82 MRI-TB arm. GG1 cancer detection was reduced by over half in the MRI arm (from 22 to 10%,  
83 risk difference = -11.6%, 95% CI=-18.2% to -4.9%).

84 Conclusions and Relevance: MRI followed by selected targeted biopsy is non-inferior to initial  
85 systematic biopsy in men at risk for prostate cancer in detecting GG  $\geq 2$  cancers.

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103 **Acronyms:**  
104 TRUS: Trans-Rectal UltraSound  
105 TRUSBx: Systematic TRUS-guided biopsy  
106 MRI: Multi-parametric Magnetic Resonance Imaging  
107 MRI-TB: MRI Targeted biopsy  
108 ROI: Region of Interest  
109 NPV: Negative predictive value  
110 DSMC: Data Safety Monitoring Committee  
111 ITT: Intention to Treat  
112 CDR: Cancer Diagnosis Rate  
113 GG: International Society of Urological Pathology (ISUP) Grade GroupDWI: Diffusion Weighted  
114 Image  
115 DCE: Dynamic Contrast Enhancement  
116 CSPCa: Clinically significant prostate cancer  
117 PCPT: Prostate Cancer Prevention Trial  
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123 **Introduction:**

124 For 35 years, the standard pathway for prostate cancer diagnosis has been systematic  
125 TRUSBx of the prostate in patients with elevated PSA. TRUS is used primarily for anatomic  
126 guidance, as traditional ultrasound discriminates poorly between cancerous and non-cancerous  
127 tissue.<sup>1</sup>

128 With mpMRI, the additional conspicuity of cancer offered by DWI and DCE has improved the  
129 diagnostic accuracy of MRI for cancer detection<sup>2</sup>. In studies correlating MRI with radical  
130 prostatectomy specimens, the sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value and negative  
131 predictive value were 45-90%, 40-88%, 77-81% and 67-95% respectively for the identification of  
132 prostate tumors greater than 0.5ml.<sup>3,4,5</sup> or clinically significant disease<sup>7-11</sup>. These metrics are also  
133 a function of grade, insofar as MRI is more sensitive for higher grade cancers.<sup>3,6</sup> The evidence is  
134 less clear in active surveillance.<sup>12,13,14</sup>

135 There is a major unmet need for a test that identifies CSPCa without overdiagnosing  
136 insignificant cancer. This study was to determine if MRI with only targeted biopsy is non-  
137 inferior to 12 core systematic biopsies for the diagnosis of CSPCa.

138 This study was designed independently but in coordination with the PRECISION study, a  
139 recent European based, prospective randomized multicenter study that compared MRI TB alone to  
140 systematic biopsy<sup>15</sup>. Achieving funding, implementation, and accrual was a more prolonged  
141 process for PRECISE. Despite the encouraging results of MRI-TB reported by multiple high  
142 quality studies: PRECISION<sup>15</sup>, PROMIS<sup>16</sup>, MRI-FIRST<sup>17</sup>, 4M<sup>18</sup> and a Cochrane meta-  
143 analysis<sup>19</sup>, in many jurisdictions MRI prior to biopsy is not yet part of routine clinical practice.<sup>20</sup>

144 In contrast to PRECISION, the PRECISE trial included risk-based eligibility, systematic  
145 follow-up of all patients for two years including a repeat MRI in all untreated patients, the  
146 investigation of fluid and tissue-based biomarkers in the cohort, and an economic analysis.

147 **Methods:**

148 This was a multicenter, randomized, non-inferiority trial at 5 centers in Canada. Following  
149 acquisition of informed consent, men were randomized in a 1:1 ratio to either systematic 12 core  
150 TRUSBx or MRI, with targeted biopsy of PI-RADS (version 2.0)  $\geq 3$  lesions. In the absence of

151 PI-RADS  $\geq 3$  lesions (a negative MRI), no biopsy was performed. The protocol was approved by  
152 the research ethics board at each participating institution, monitored by the trial steering  
153 committee and an independent data safety monitoring committee (DSMC).

154 The primary outcome was the proportion of men with clinically significant cancer ( $GG \geq 2$ )  
155 diagnosed in each arm.. Secondary outcomes included the proportion of men in the two arms who  
156 were found to have: clinically insignificant cancer ( $GG1$ );  $GG \geq 3$  cancer; no significant cancer but  
157 subsequent positive MRI and/or  $GG \geq 2$  cancer detected on a repeat biopsy by 2 years; post-biopsy  
158 adverse events; and definitive local treatment (e.g. radical prostatectomy, external beam  
159 radiotherapy, brachytherapy) or systemic treatment (e.g. hormone therapy, chemotherapy). In the  
160 MRI arm, we evaluated the proportion of men who avoided biopsy, and the number of men with  
161 PI-RADS 3, 4 or 5 lesions but no detection of clinically significant cancer. Health-related quality  
162 of life scores were also assessed using the EQ5D validated questionnaire.

163 Eligible patients were men recruited from the outpatient clinics with clinical suspicion of  
164 prostate cancer and were advised to have a prostate biopsy. Additional eligibility criteria included:  
165  $\geq 5\%$  chance of  $\geq GG2$  prostate cancer as calculated individually using the Prostate Cancer  
166 Prevention Trial Risk Calculator version 2 (<http://deb.uthscsa.edu/URORiskCalc/Pages/calcs.jsp>);  
167 serum PSA  $\leq 20$ ng/ml; no prior biopsy or treatment for prostate cancer; suitable candidates for a  
168 biopsy; and no contraindication for an MRI. A dynamic allocation process was used for  
169 randomization, including stratification factors of 1) individualized risk of  $\geq GG2$  prostate cancer  
170 (5% to 25%,  $>25\%$  as measured by the PCPTRC 2.0 calculator, found at  
171 <http://deb.uthscsa.edu/URORiskCalc/Pages/calcs.jsp>) and 2) treatment centre. A web based  
172 interactive system was used. Allocation of the first 20 patients was performed so patients were  
173 allocated to each arm with probability 0.5. From patient 21 onwards, if an imbalance was  
174 observed based on the two stratification factors, patients were allocated to the treatment arm  
175 which minimized the imbalance with probability 0.8. The dynamic allocation process was  
176 programmed by individuals who had no patient contact or involvement in patient enrollment or  
177 selection. .

178 Those men on the MRI-TB arm who had a negative MRI, and those on the TRUSBx arm  
179 whose biopsy was negative, were scheduled to have a repeat MRI at 2 years. MRI was performed  
180 according to PI-RADS v2.0 guidelines<sup>22,23</sup>. All centers used a 3T scanner without an endo-rectal  
181 coil. MRI was interpreted according to PI-RADS v2.0 guidelines by the site radiologists, all of

182 whom were experienced in the interpretation of at least 500 prostate MRI. Men whose MRI  
183 showed a score of 3, 4, or 5 underwent MRI- TB using TRUS guidance with 4 cores per lesion.  
184 Co-registration was performed using TRUS MRI fusion software at all centers (Artemis or  
185 Koelis). The fusion biopsies were performed by experienced radiologists or urologists who had  
186 performed at least 50 prior MRI informed fusion targeted biopsies

### 187 *Statistics*

188 The primary analysis was based on an ITT non-inferiority outcome, defined as the proportion of  
189 men in each arm diagnosed with clinically significant prostate cancer ( $\geq$ GG2). The rate of  
190 detection of  $\text{GG}\geq 2$  by targeted-alone biopsy in a population with no prior biopsy was estimated at  
191 between 42%<sup>24</sup> and 50%<sup>25</sup>, vs 27% with 12 core TRUSBx,<sup>26</sup>. Therefore it was predicted that  
192 MRI-TB would identify >15% more  $\text{GG}\geq 2$  cancer than systematic biopsy. For sample size  
193 calculations, it was conservatively hypothesized that systematic biopsy would detect clinically  
194 significant cancer in 30% of men, and MRI-TB would detect clinically significant cancer in 10%  
195 more men (i.e. 40% total). For the non-inferiority hypothesis, using 90% power and a 2.5% one  
196 sided-alpha, assuming an MRI-TB detection rate of clinically significant cancer of 40%, and a  
197 detection rate for TRUSBx of 30%, and using a margin of clinical unimportance of 5%, 211 men  
198 per arm would be required (422 in total). The choice of 5% as the margin of non-inferiority  
199 represented a clinically important difference based on expert consensus<sup>22</sup>. If non-inferiority was  
200 met, a superiority analysis was to be performed, with superiority met if the bound of the one-sided  
201 97.5% CI exceeded 0%. To account for potential withdrawal / loss to follow up and the effect of  
202 stratification, the sample size was inflated by 5%, and a target of **450 men** was established.

203 Descriptive statistics were used to summarize the patient characteristics and outcomes of  
204 interest. Absolute risk differences and 95% CI intervals were constructed using the Wald method.  
205 A multivariable logistic regression analysis was performed investigating the effect of treatment  
206 arm, adjusted for stratification factors (study centre and baseline risk). Logistic regression was  
207 also used to explore effects prognostic of detecting  $\geq$ GG2 cancer within each treatment arm  
208 separately. A multivariable model was constructed within each treatment arm based on forward  
209 stepwise selection using the  $p\text{-value}<0.05$  criterion. Linearity assumptions were examined using  
210 visual inspection of residuals. Logarithmic transformations of non-linear continuous variables was  
211 as appropriate. No interpolation for missing data occurred and patients with missing data were  
212 categorized in a separate group for regression analyses. All the statistical analysis were carried out



213 using SAS version-9 for Windows (Cary, NC) or R version 3.2.2. (www.r-project.org). The plan  
214 for the statistical analysis was pre-specified and approved by the DSMC.

### 215 *Populations*

216 All participants who underwent randomization were included in the intention-to-treat  
217 (ITT) analysis. Analyses based on the PP and biopsy population were performed as supportive  
218 efficacy analyses, (Supplementary Table A). Safety analyses were performed on the men having  
219 a biopsy. .

220 The study was registered with ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02936258  
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### 222 **Results:**

223 Between April 2017 and Nov 2019, 453 patients were accrued, with 226 and 227 men  
224 allocated to the TRUSBx arm and MRI arm, respectively. Twenty-four men in the TRUSBx arm  
225 came off study prior to the first study intervention, including 15 who withdrew. Six men in the  
226 MRI arm came off-study before the MRI (Figure 1).

227 Patient characteristics are summarized in Table 1.. Patient characteristics were well  
228 balanced. .

### 229 *Primary Outcome*

230 Study outcomes in the ITT population are summarized in Table 2. Of patients who  
231 underwent MRI, 138/221 (62.4%) were positive (PI-RADS $\geq$ 3), with PI-RADS 3, 4 and 5 lesions  
232 detected in 26 (12.1%), 82 (38.1%) and 30 (14.0%) men, respectively. Eighty-three of 221 men  
233 (36.6% (95% CI=30.3% to 43.2%)) had a negative MRI (PI-RADS $\leq$ 2) and therefore avoided a  
234 biopsy. After undergoing biopsy, 67 (29.7%) men in the TRUSBx arm and 79 (34.8%) men in the  
235 MRI arm had GG $\geq$ 2 cancer detected, resulting in an absolute risk difference of 5.2% (97.5% one-  
236 sided CI -3.4% to  $\infty$ ). The lower bound of this confidence interval exceeded the pre-specified  
237 non-inferiority boundary of -5%, thus demonstrating non-inferiority of the MRI-TB approach. A  
238 test for superiority was then conducted and observed to be not statistically significant (p-  
239 value=0.27).

240 Results were similar in the per protocol population. However the lower bound of the 95%  
241 one-sided confidence interval was slightly below the pre-determined 5% threshold. Of 202 men in  
242 the TRUSBx arm, there were 67 (33.2%) with  $\geq$ GG2 cancers detected, compared with 79/219  
243 (36.1%) in the MRI-TB arm. The risk difference was 2.9% (95% CI=-6.2% to 12.0%) with the  
244 superiority test deemed not statistically significant (p-value=0.54).

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246 *Secondary Outcomes*

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248 A total of 25 (11.1%) men in the TRUSBx arm and 30 (13.2%) men in the MRI arm had  
249  $GG \geq 3$  cancer detected, resulting in an absolute risk difference of 2.2% (97.5% CI -3.9% to  $\infty$ ).  
250 The test for superiority was not statistically significant (p-value=0.57). There were fewer  
251 diagnoses of GG1 cancer in the MRI-TB arm : 23 (10.1%) vs 49 (21.7%), absolute difference  
252 11.6%, (95% CI=-18.2% to -4.9%, p-value<0.001). PI-RADS score and biopsy grade correlated  
253 closely (see Table 3). The rate of diagnosis of  $GG \geq 2$  for PI-RADS 3, 4 and 5 was 4/24 (16.7%),  
254 49/82 (59.8%), and 26/30 (86.7%) respectively, while for  $GG \geq 3$  it was 2/24 (8.3%), 16/82  
255 (19.5%), and 12/30 (40.0%). Core number was higher in the TRUSBx arm (mean of 11.4 versus  
256 6.3 per patient) despite having the same number (mean=4.4 in each arm) of positive cores per  
257 patient. Across all patients, 36.8% of TRUSBx cores were positive compared with 55.2% of the  
258 MRI-TB cores. No substantial differences were observed in the type of treatment received  
259 between intervention arms.

260 A logistic regression analysis demonstrated no significant difference in the detection of  
261  $\geq GG2$  cancer (odds ratio=1.28 for MRI-TB vs TRUSBx, 95% CI=0.86 to 1.93, p-value=0.23) or  
262  $\geq GG3$  cancer (odds ratio=1.23 for MRI-TB vs TRUSBx, 95% CI=0.69 to 2.20, p-value=0.49). In  
263 those men who underwent a biopsy,  $GG \geq 2$  was detected in 79 (58.1%) by MRI-TB and 67  
264 (33.2%) by TRUSBx (P<0.001). This represents an absolute difference of 24.9% (95% CI=14.4%  
265 to 35.5%). In the same biopsy population, GG1 was detected in 23 (16.9%) of men in the MRI-TB  
266 arm compared with 49 (24.3%) in the TRUSBx arm (p-value=0.14, absolute risk difference of  
267 7.4%, 95% CI=-1.3% to 16.0%).

268 Results of secondary outcomes on the PP and biopsy only population were similar to that  
269 observed in the ITT population and are shown in the Supplemental Appendix A.

270 Adverse events are summarized in Table 3. The MRI arm experienced 25% fewer adverse  
271 events. Prostatitis, hematuria, hmatospermia, and incontinence occurred less frequently in the  
272 MRI arm Amongst only those men who underwent biopsy, the rate of adverse events remained  
273 in favor of the MRI-TB arm, although with a reduced risk difference, (Supplementary Appendix  
274 A). The proportion of patients indicating another biopsy would be a major or moderate problem  
275 was 15.4%, n=35 vs 6.2%, n=14 (absolute risk difference=9.2%, 95% CI=3.5% to 14.9%,

276 p=0.002) Further, TRUS-Bx patients were more likely to consider undergoing another biopsy a  
277 problem (53%) compared to MRI-TB patients (37%).

278 No significant differences were observed in the self-reported quality of life as measured by  
279 the EQ5D at baseline or at the follow-up visit (Supplementary Table B).

#### 280 *Prognostic Factors*

281 Results of logistic regression analyses evaluating potential prognostic factors of  $\geq$ GG2  
282 cancer are presented in Table 4. In the multivariable model baseline risk, PSA, PSA density and  
283 palpable tumor were prognostic for diagnosis of  $\geq$ GG2 cancer amongst patients who underwent  
284 TRUSBx. In the MRI arm, age, PSA density, BMI and palpable tumor were prognostic.

#### 285 *Inter-site Analyses*

286 Supplement Table C shows differences in outcomes of interest amongst participating sites,  
287 to explore potential effects due to differences in familiarity with the MRI-fusion software as well  
288 as inter-site variability in terms of population / operator / treatment differences. The frequency of  
289 detecting cancers (i.e. having PI-RADS  $\geq$ 3 cancer) using MRI was significantly different,  
290 ranging from 42% to 83% (p=0.006) as was the number of  $\geq$ GG2 (from 50% to 82%, p=0.022)  
291 amongst men who underwent a biopsy, however, the number of men with  $\geq$ GG3 cancers (from  
292 42% to 76%, p=0.14) detected was not different amongst patients who underwent a biopsy in the  
293 MRI arm. . The center with the highest  $\geq$ GG2 MRI biopsy cancer detection rate had the lowest  
294 TRUSBx rate, and vice versa.

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#### 296 **Discussion:**

297 . This study met its primary end point, demonstrating non-inferiority of MRI-TB to  
298 conventional systematic biopsy based on the ITT population. Secondary outcomes demonstrated  
299 there was a reduction in the rate of men undergoing biopsy of almost 40%, a substantially reduced  
300 rate of GG1 cancers or no cancer found in men who undergo biopsy and a decreased adverse  
301 event profile. In those having a biopsy, targeted biopsy was superior to systematic biopsy for the  
302 detection of GG $\geq$ 2 cancer. Therefore the strategy of MRI prior to biopsy appears superior to  
303 systematic TRUS-Bx.

304 Performance of the MRI-TB varied between centers, with differences in both positive  
305 MRI rates and target biopsy yields. This difference occurred despite the fact that all MRIs were  
306 reviewed, and biopsies performed, by experienced radiologists or urologists. This underscores

307 the need for quality control measures to enable the broad application of MRI. Central review of  
308 the MRI images in this study is planned for a subsequent analysis.

309 This study was designed along similar lines to the PRECISION study<sup>15,19</sup>. The results are  
310 similar, albeit with some differences. In this study 38% had a negative MRI and avoided biopsy;  
311 in PRECISION, it was 28%. The absolute difference in the finding of clinically significant cancer  
312 was 5.2% in PRECISE vs 12% in PRECISION. The diagnosis rate for GG1 in the MRI vs  
313 systematic biopsy arms was 10.4 vs 24.3 in PRECISE and 9 vs 22% in PRECISION, which was  
314 remarkable similar. Among men who underwent a biopsy, the likelihood of GG $\geq$ 2 cancer in the  
315 MRI arm vs TRUSBx arm was 58 vs 33% in PRECISE and 44 vs 18% in PRECISION (a 25%  
316 absolute difference in both studies). There are many potential reasons for these differences  
317 including variation in expertise in MRI interpretation and targeted biopsy, differences between the  
318 cohorts and variations in systematic biopsy approach. We hope to gain greater insight by central  
319 review of the MRI reads as well as follow up MRI at two years.

320 Multivariable logistic regression analysis identified PSA density and palpable tumor as  
321 prognostic factors in both groups. Baseline risk and PSA were prognostic in the TRUS arm only,  
322 and age and BMI in the MRI arm only. These parameters are well established prognostic features  
323 in men at risk for prostate cancer.

324 There was a trend toward lower complications from biopsy in the MRI arm. These patients  
325 had fewer cases of prostatitis, sepsis events, visits to the ER, and hospital admissions. In contrast,  
326 PRECISION showed no difference in serious adverse events between the two arms (2% in each  
327 group). Moderate or major resistance to the prospect of another biopsy was 43% less common  
328 (absolute difference 8.9%) amongst MRI arm patients.

329 There was greater lack of compliance in the TRUSBx arm, with 15 patients withdrawing  
330 because they refused TRUS biopsy.

331 The positive predictive value of PI-RADS 3, 4 and 5 for GG $\geq$ 2 cancer was 17, 60, and  
332 87%, respectively. These figures are dramatically superior to the predictive value reported by our  
333 group in the ASIST trial recently, where the analogous PPV was 13, 24, and 33%<sup>12</sup>. The  
334 reported PPV of MRI varies widely.<sup>29,30</sup> A recent overview of 26 centers estimated the PPV for  
335 PiRADS  $\geq$  4 was 49%, CI 40-58%.<sup>30</sup> The PPV results in PRECISE are comparable to those  
336 reported in these studies. There are a number of possible explanations for this variability, including  
337 different populations (biopsy naïve patients in PRECISE vs low risk active surveillance patients in

338 ASIST The most compelling explanation is that ASIST results reflected the learning curve of  
339 fusion targeted biopsy. Furthermore fewer samples per lesion were mandated in ASIST (1-3 per  
340 lesion vs 4).

341 Several parameters, particularly PSA density, have been identified as predictors for the  
342 risk of significant cancer in men with a negative MRI.<sup>23a</sup> Long term follow up on the PRECISE  
343 cohort should provide important information on this question.

#### 344 **Limitations of the study**

345 Amongst men who underwent MRI, 40% did not have a biopsy, and a small proportion of  
346 these may harbor significant cancer. All of the undiagnosed and GG1 patients on this study will  
347 be followed for 2 years, and will have an MRI at the end of that period. Patients who had a  
348 concerning change in a clinical parameter suggesting undiagnosed significant prostate cancer  
349 were able to have a biopsy off protocol. The outcome of this strategy, including the proportion of  
350 patients in each group diagnosed during the period of follow-up, will be evaluated once all  
351 patients have reached the 2 year endpoint. The incremental value of systematic biopsies in men  
352 having targeted biopsies was not addressed by this study design. The MRI interpretation and  
353 biopsies were performed by experienced radiologists, thus limiting the generalizability of the  
354 results with respect to less experienced clinicians or residents. It is possible that the disease  
355 phenotype of targeted biopsy detected cancers varies from that of systematic biopsy detected  
356 cancers<sup>31</sup>; this question may be addressed by long term follow-up studies.

357  
358 **Conclusion:** The intervention of MRI followed by MRI-guided biopsy in men at risk  
359 results in similar detection rates of clinically significant prostate cancer in the intention-to-treat  
360 population compared to systematic biopsy in all men, while avoiding biopsy in over 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of men  
361 and reducing the diagnosis of clinically insignificant cancer. This strategy offers substantial  
362 advantages over an initial systematic biopsy.

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**Table 1. Baseline Characteristics**

Baseline Characteristics		Control (TRUS-Guided Biopsy)	Experimental (MRI-Guided Biopsy)
<b>N</b>		226	227
<b>Eligibility and Stratum</b>			
<b>Risk*</b>	5-25%	232 (90)	204 (90)
	≥25%	23 (10)	23 (10)
<b>Study Center</b>	London	52 (23)	52 (23)
	Sunnybrook	49 (22)	50 (22)
	Jewish General	30 (13)	30 (13)
	UHN	53 (23)	51 (22)
	Vancouver General	42 (10)	44 (19)
<b>Demographics</b>			
<b>Age at Registration</b>	Mean (sd)	64.5 (8.8)	65.3 (7.6)
<b>Race</b>	N (%) Caucasian	184 (81)	183 (81)
	African-Canadian	8 (3.5)	11 (4.9)
	Asian	17 (7.5)	15 (6.6)
	Hispanic	4 (1.8)	6 (2.6)
	Other	12 (5.3)	12 (5.3)
	Unknown	1 (0.4)	0
<b>Family History</b>	N (%) No	133 (59)	152 (67)
	Yes	74 (33)	63 (28)
	Do not know	19 (8.4)	12 (5.3)
<b>ECOG Performance Status</b>	N (%) ≥1	1 (0.4)	2 (0.9)
<b>Height (in cm)</b>	Mean (sd)	174.8 (7.1)	175.6 (7.0)
<b>Weight (in kg)</b>	Mean (sd)	84.5 (13)	83.6 (14)
<b>Body-Mass Index†</b>	Mean (sd)	27.7 (4.1)	27.1 (4.0)
<b>Body-Surface Area‡</b>	Mean (sd)	2.0 (0.2)	2.0 (0.2)
<b>Prostate Characteristics</b>			
<b>PSA</b>	Mean (sd)	6.8 (3.0)	7.5 (3.6)
	Median (range)	6.2 (1.0, 19)	6.7 (1.1, 24)
<b>Prostate Volume *</b>	Mean (sd)	48 (25)	60 (45)
	NA	17	11
	≤20 cc	4 (1.9)	5 (2.3)
	21-34 cc	67 (32)	58 (27)
	35-49 cc	101 (48)	96 (44)
	≥50cc	37 (18)	57 (26)
<b>PSA Density</b>	Mean (sd)	0.17 (0.11)	0.16 (0.11)
<b>Palpable Tumor</b>	NA	2	6
	Normal	165 (74)	161 (73)
	Nodule ≤1.5 cm	48 (21)	48 (22)
	Nodule > 1.5 cm	8 (3.6)	12 (5.4)
	Both Lobes	3 (1.3)	0 (0.0)
<b>Renal Impairment</b>	N (%) Yes	23/76 (30)	26/79 (33)

484 † Calculated as weight(kg) / [height(m)]<sup>2</sup>485 \* as measured using the PCPTRC 2.0 calculator, found at  
486 <http://deb.uthscsa.edu/URORiskCalc/Pages/calcs.jsp>

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488 **Table 2. Outcomes**

		<b>TRUS-Guided Biopsy</b>	<b>MRI-Guided Biopsy</b>	
<b>N</b>		226	227	
<b>MRI Result</b>	PI-RADS 1-2/Negative		83 (38)	
	PI-RADS 3-5/Positive		138 (61)	
	3		26 (12)	
	4		82 (38)	
	5		30 (14)	
<b>Did not undergo biopsy</b>	N (%)	24 (11)	91 (40)	
<b>Underwent biopsy</b>	N (%)	202 (89)	136 (60)	
<b>No cancer on biopsy</b>	N (%)	86 (38)	34 (15)	
<b>GG1 or no cancer (including no biopsy)</b>	N (%)	159 (70)	148 (65)	
<b>GG1 cancer</b>	N (%)	49 (22)	23 (10)	
<b>GG2 cancer</b>	N (%)	42 (19)	49 (22)	
<b>GG2 or higher cancer*</b>	<b>N (%)</b>	<b>67 (30)</b>	<b>79 (35)</b>	
<b>GG3 cancer</b>	N (%)	17 (8)	18 (8)	
<b>GG3 or higher cancer</b>	N (%)	25 (11)	30 (13)	
<b>GG4 cancer</b>	N (%)	3 (1)	5 (2)	
<b>GG5 cancer</b>	N (%)	5 (2)	7 (3)	

489 **\* Primary outcome**

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**Table 3. Secondary Outcomes**

		<b>TRUS-Guided Biopsy</b>	<b>MRI-Guided Biopsy</b>
<b>Days, Randomization to MRI</b>	Median (IQR)	NA	19 (11, 36)
<b>Days, MRI to Biopsy</b>	Median (IQR)	NA	23 (14, 39)
<b>Days, Randomization to Biopsy</b>	Median (IQR)	30 (16, 46)	53 (34, 82)
<b>Further Treatments</b>			
<b>Further Diagnostic Testing</b>	N	92 (41)	92 (40)
	PSA	66 (29)	74 (33)
	MRI	43 (19)	25 (11)
	Biopsy	4 (1.8)	3 (1.3)
<b>Active Surveillance</b>	N	75 (33)	69 (30)
<b>Radical Treatment</b>	N	37 (16)	43 (19)
	Prostatectomy	21 (9.3)	30 (13)
	Radiotherapy	13 (5.8)	13 (5.7)
	Unknown	3 (1.3)	0 (0.0)
<b>Minimally Invasive Therapy (HIFU)</b>	N	3 (1.3)	3 (1.3)
<b>Hormone Therapy</b>	N	6 (2.7)	3 (1.3)
<b>Other Treatment</b>	N	18 (8.0)	22 (9.7)
<b>Deaths During Follow-up</b>	N	0 (0.0)	2 (0.9)
<b>Adverse Events</b>			
<b>Number of Patients with At Least 1 AE</b>	N (%)	145 (64)	89 (40)
<b>Most Frequent AE Experienced</b>	Erectile Dysfunction	8 (4)	10 (4)
	Hematochezia	3 (1)	2 (1)
	Hematospermia	9 (4)	5 (2)
	Hematuria	10 (4)	4 (1)
	Pain	7 (3)	3 (1)
	Prostatitis	9 (4)	1 (<1)
	Urinary Incontinence	12 (5)	5 (2)
<b>Number of Patients with At Least 1 Grade 3+ AE</b>	N (%)	10 (4.4)	8 (3.5)
<b>Appendicitis</b>		0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)
<b>Arthritis</b>		0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)
<b>Chills</b>		1 (0.4)	0 (0.0)
<b>Erectile Dysfunction</b>		0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)
<b>Fever</b>		1 (0.4)	0 (0.0)
<b>Hematuria</b>		2 (0.9)	0 (0.0)
<b>Hematochezia</b>		0 (0.0)	1 (0.4)
<b>Pain</b>		1 (0.4)	0 (0.0)
<b>Prostatitis</b>		1 (0.4)	0 (0.0)
<b>Sepsis</b>		4 (1.8)	1 (0.4)
<b>Urinary retention</b>		1 (0.4)	0 (0.0)
<b>Urinary tract infection</b>		3 (1.3)	1 (0.4)

**Table 4. Logistic Regression of Prognostic Factors of GG2 or higher Cancer**

Factor	Comparator	TRUS Bx Arm (n=202)		MRI Arm (n=221)	
		Odds Ratio (95% CI)	p-value	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	p-value
Age	/ year	1.06 (1.01, 1.10)	0.009	1.07 (1.03, 1.11)	0.001
Risk	High vs Low Risk	11.13 (3.57, 34.71)	<0.001	1.93 (0.80, 4.67)	0.15
PSA	Log-transform	5.40 (2.41, 12.11)	<0.001	2.76 (1.43, 5.33)	0.003
BMI	/ unit	0.98 (0.91, 1.05)	0.53	1.05 (0.98, 1.13)	0.17
Volume	/ unit	0.97 (0.95, 0.99)	<0.001	1.00 (0.99, 1.00)	0.41
PSA Density	/ 0.1 unit	2.78 (1.88, 4.10)	<0.001	1.68 (1.25, 2.27)	<0.001
Center	LHSC	1.77 (0.73, 4.26)	0.009	0.58 (0.24, 1.41)	0.35
	Sunnybrook	0.50 (0.18, 1.39)		1.41 (0.60, 3.30)	
	Jewish General	2.86 (1.01, 8.12)		0.91 (0.34, 2.47)	
	UHN	0.75 (0.29, 1.97)		1.06 (0.45, 2.50)	
Family History	Vancouver	Reference	0.59	Reference	0.94
	Yes	Reference		Reference	
	No	1.06 (0.57, 2.00)		1.12 (0.60, 2.09)	
	Do Not Know	1.87 (0.56, 6.22)		1.12 (0.29, 4.25)	
Palpable Tumor	Normal	Reference	0.007	Reference	0.005
	Abnormal ≤1.5cm	2.55 (1.27, 5.12)		3.04 (1.54, 6.01)	
	Abnormal >1.5cm	6.99 (1.30, 37.49)		1.74 (0.53, 5.76)	
	Both lobes	5.59 (0.49, 63.38)		-	
Prostate volume	<=20	7.67 (0.70, 83.74)	0.40	Undefined	0.32
	21-35	1.38 (0.54, 3.51)		1.44 (0.64, 3.24)	
	36-50	1.20 (0.49, 2.91)		1.97 (0.96, 4.06)	
	≥51	Reference		Reference	
<b>Multivariable Analysis</b>					
Risk	High vs Low Risk	4.98 (1.38, 17.97)	0.014		
Palpable Tumor	Normal	Reference	0.065	Reference	0.001
	Abnormal ≤1.5cm	2.51 (1.10, 5.72)		4.40 (1.96, 9.89)	
	Abnormal >1.5cm	6.05 (0.85, 42.97)		1.94 (0.51, 7.45)	
	Both lobes	2.36 (0.07, 79.04)			
PSA Density	/ 0.1 unit	2.24 (1.59, 3.69)	<0.001	2.16 (1.52, 3.09)	<0.001
Age	/ year			1.08 (1.03, 1.13)	0.001
BMI	/ unit			1.15 (1.05, 1.26)	0.003

