Study, country	Study type, study period	Number of patients	Patient characteristics	Intervention	Comparison	Length of follow-up	Outcome measures and effect size	Additional comments
Srinivasan (1994) UK	Observational study (appears retrospective) 1982-1989	41 patients T3-4, Grade 2- 3 TCC treated by palliative radiotherapy, presenting with haematuria and local pain	19 patients with reasonable PS (WHO grade ≤3) treated with conventional palliative treatment; 22 patients with poor performance status (WHO grade ≥4) accelerated radiotherapy. Mean age 78.4 years in 2-fraction group compared to 71.6 yrs in conventional group.	Conventional palliative treatment 4500cGy in 12 fractions over 26 days  Both regimens used supervoltage photons. From 1984 volume was localised with CT.	Accelerated radiotherapy 1700cGy in 2 fractions over 3 days.	Not reported. Patients follow-up until death.	Clearance of haematuria: 59% (13/22) 2-fraction, 16% (3/19) conventional Improvement of pain: 73% (16/22) 2-fraction, 37% (7/19) conventional RT. Disease was fatal in all patients Overall survival: Mean 9.77 months 2-fraction vs 14.47 months conventional	No pain data for 7 patients.  Time to symptom improvement not reported.
Ligouri 2010	Case series	44 patients with	N Male 30	Selective embolisation of internal iliac arteries.	N/a	Mean 10.5 months (1-	Initial complete control of bleeding: 36/44 (82%)	
Italy	1997-2009	intractable haematuria secondary to advanced pelvic tumour arising from or invading the bladder.	Female         14           Mean age         79 (51-95)           TCC bladder         24           prostate         12           uterus         5           vagina         1           rectum         2           kidney         3           Prostate and bladder         1           Prostate and kidney         1           Cystitis after RT         1           Cardiac history         20 (51)           Renal failure         10 (26)           Diabetes         7 (18)           cold         6 (15)           Hypertension         9 (23)           Peripheral vascular disease         5 (13)           Anaemia         7 (18)	Simple measures to control bleeding by continuous irrigation using a 3-way catheter or cystodiathermy had been unsuccessful. All patients had complete coagulation profiles to exclude coagulopathy and perioperative antibiotic therapy. Used pre-curved Cobra or Simmons type 1 or 2 catheters and a hydrophilic guidewire. Artery embolised with unresorbable polyvinyl alcohol particles unless technically unfeasible. Sometimes to obtain more proximal occlusion, embolization was completed using		97)	Permanent control of bleeding: at mean follow-up of 10.5 months 19/44 (43%).  A second TAE session was required in 5 (11%) patients and it was successful in two of them.  Requirement for transfusion: 24 (55%) required transfusion: before TAE, 13 (30%) required more blood products after TAE  Complications: No major complications over follow-up. Minor complications were post-embolization syndrome 12 (27%), fever (11%), gluteal pain (14%), nausea (2%), exterior	

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				impermanent embolic			genital oedema (5%).	
				agents.				
El-Assmy	Case series	7 patients	6 male, 1 female. Mean age 61 (55-	Embolization of bilateral	n/a	Mean 10	Immediate control of	
2007	Case series	with	68).	iliac arteries. Selective	ii/a	months (6-	bleeding: 7/7/ (100%)	
2007	1998-2005	advanced	00).	catheterisation of the		12)	after mean 4 days	
Egypt		bladder	6 patients had TCC, 1 patient had	internal iliac artery.		12)	Permanent control: at	
<i>571</i>		cancer and	squamous cell carcinoma. All had	Angiography used to test			mean 10 months follow-up	
		intractable	conservative treatment before	the success of the			4/7 (57%).	
		bladder	transcatheter arterial embolisation	procedure. Embolized			Transfusion: 3 patients	
		haemorrhage	(TAE), including continuous bladder	using platinum mircocoils			developed haematuria and	
		who were	irrigation using a 3-way catheter and	through 6F angiographic			required 2.1 transfusion	
		unsuitable for	attempts to control bleeding	catheter. The procedure			units	
		surgical	endoscopically. 2 had palliative RT to	repeated on the opposite			Complications: no	
		treatment.	control bleeding	side using an ipsilateral or			significant complications	
				contralateral procedure.			related to embolization	
				·				
Nabi 2003	Case series	6 patients	3 advanced bladder TCC , 3	Bilateral internal iliac	n/a	Mean 22	Immediate control of	
		with	advanced adenocarcinoma of	artery embolization. Iliac		months	bleeding: 5/6 (83%). 1	
UK	1997-2001	advanced	prostate. Mean age 80 years (70-87)	arteries were selectively		(10-60)	patient the bleeding was	
		pelvic		catheterised using pre-			successfully embolised at a	
		malignancy	All had conservative treatment	curved catheters.			second attempt.	
		and	before TAE, including continous	Angiography used after			Permanent control of	
		intractable	bladder irrigation using a 3-way	embolization to ensure			bleeding: 6/6 (100%) at	
		haemorrhage	catheter and attempts to control	complete occlusion of			mean 22 months follow-	
			bleeding endoscopically. 3 had	blood flow. Embolized			up.	
			palliative RT to control bleeding.	using tungsten/platinum			Transfusion: no patient	
				coils, irrespective of			required transfusion after	
				whether bleeding was			TAE or emergency	
				detected or not on			admissions for control of	
				angiographic study. The			haematuria.	
				procedure repeated on the			Complications: No major	
				opposite side using an			complications. Minor	
				ipsilateral or contralateral			complications – nausea,	
				procedure.			fever and vomiting (n=3,	
							50%).	
Jenkins 1996	Case series	10 patients	Mean age 73 years (58-85). 7	Bilateral internal iliac	n/a	Patients	Initial control of bleeding:	
		with life	bladder TCC, 1 carcinoma of cervix, 1	artery embolisation. Iliac		followed	9/10 (90%). In 5/9 patients	

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UK	1979-1992	threatening	rectum, 1 sigmoid colon.	arteries were catheterised		until death.	surviving more than 24h	
		haematuria		and embolic material			there was complete	
		secondary to		discharged into anterior			control of haematuria	
		inoperable		divisions or the main stems			lasting until patient's	
		pelvic		of the internal iliac arteries			death.	
		carcinoma		if the interior divisions				
		arising from		could not be easily			Requirement for	
		or invading		catheterised or branched			transfusion: 2 patients	
		the bladder		very close to their origins.			required blood transfusion	
				Occlusion of vessels was			when haematuria recurred	
				assessed by repeated small			after 5 and 1.4 months.	
				injections of contrast.				
							Complications: One	
							patient died from septic	
							shock. 3 patients	
							developed mod buttock	
							and thigh pain lasting max	
							of 3 days.	
							Treatment related	
							mortality: 4 patients died	
							within 2 wks. 1 patient	
							who did not receive	
							prophylactic antibiotics	
							died of septic shock 12h	
							later. 3 patients deaths	
							attributed to tumour not	
							haematuria.	
Mantadakis	Prospective	32 patients	30 male, 2 female. Median age 68	Regional intra-arterial	n/a	NR	Control of bleeding: 24/32	
2003	observational	with	yrs (range 47-85). 14 T3N0M0, 10	chemotherapy (RIAC).			had resolution of gross	
	study	advanced	T4N0M0, 4 T4N1M0, 4T4NxM0. 29	Epirubicin 10mg over 2 hrs			haematuria. Persisted in 8	
Greece		bladder	pure TCC.	on each internal iliac artery			patients.	
		carcinoma.		on the 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> day of each			Treatment-related	
		Unfit for or	All patients had gross haematuria	chemo (total 60mg			morbidity: no	
		refused	prior to RIAC. 7 had diversion of a	epirubicin per cycle).			hemorrhagic, thrombotic	
		surgery with	dilated urinary tract prior to RIAC	Systemic chemo i.v.			or embolic complications.	
		adequate		leucovorin 200mg over			One UTI, one acute tubular	
		bone marrow		2hrs and 5FU 750mg per			necrosis, one mild	
		and renal		day on 1 <sup>st</sup> through 3 <sup>rd</sup> day			alopecia. No nausea or	

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		function.		of each cycle. Cycle			emesis. 8 G1 leukopenia, 6	
		Distant mets		repeated every 21 days. All			G1 mucositis, one G3	
		excluded		patients completed chemo,			mucositis, 4 G1 diarrhea, 3	
				median 4 cycles per patient			G1 thrombocytopenia.	
				(range 1-6).				
Lacarriere	Retrospective	32 bladder	Patients with gross haematuria from	External radiotherapy using	Protocol B	Mean 25mo	CTC AE used to evaluate	40 patients
2013	observational	cancer	bladder cancer, unfit for surgery, no	high energy photon	(n=19):	(range 7-	intensity of haematuria.	enrolled, 8
	study	patients unfit	previous pelvic radiotherapy.	therapy, with 4 orthogonal	Hypofraction	42)	22 (69%) presented no	excluded
France	,	for surgery	Coagulation disorders excluded.	beams. Clinical target	ated 20Gy in		haematuria after 2 weeks.	
	1993-2009	due to age or		volume was the bladder.	5 fractions		7 (54%) group A no	
		medical	Mean age 81 (range 65-93)y. 20	Lymph nodes not	for 1 week if		haematuria vs. 15 (79%)	
		comorbidities	male, 12 female. ECOG PS 2.5 (range	considered for treatment in	ECOG PS >2.		Group B (p=0.139).	
			1-4).	palliative setting.				
			220/ = -1 200/ =2 100/ =2 200/ =4				Relapse defined as	
			22% Ta-T1, 38% T2, 19% T3, 22% T4,	Protocols dependant on			presence of gross	
			91% G3	general health of patient.			haematuria during	
			16 (FOO() N. 11 (249/) NA.	Protocol A (n=13): 30Gy in			evaluation or need for	
			16 (50%) N+, 11 (34%) M+.	10 fractions over 2 weeks if			other procedures to	
			Group A younger and lower PS and	ECOG PS ≤2.			achieve hemostasis.	
			fewer comorbidities than Group B.				After 6 months 69% of all	
			rewer comorbidities than Group B.				patients had relapsed,	
							with no difference in	
							tumour subgroup or by	
							ECOG PS.	