

22 **Results:** 1024 men representative of the French general population filled in the entire
23 questionnaire. Each attribute gave the expected sign except for overdiagnosis. The video
24 seemed to increase the intention to abstain from prostate cancer screening.

25 **Conclusions:** The participants attached greater importance to a decrease in the number of false
26 negatives and a reduction in prostate cancer mortality than to other risks such as the number of
27 false positives and overdiagnosis. Further research is needed to help men make an informed
28 choice regarding screening.

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35 **1) Background**

36 Cancer screening adherence is dependent on how people assess the benefit-risk ratio. Individual
37 characteristics like cognitive skills, emotions and a priori beliefs with regard to screening affect
38 this assessment (1). At the population level, the main benefit of screening is frequently
39 evaluated by randomized trials that take the reduction in global and specific mortality as an
40 endpoint. To date, prostate cancer screening has been highly controversial within the medical
41 community because of the absence of certitude that prostate cancer mortality is reduced by
42 screening. Moreover, the reduction is relatively small (1 in 1.000 men screened regularly) (2–
43 4). Regarding this limited benefit, the negative effects of screening are especially due to the
44 slow evolution of prostate cancer. In many cases, this results in overdiagnosis and overtreatment

45 but also to other risks due to the technical limitations of PSA screening, i.e. risk of false positive
46 and false negative results. False positive results induce unnecessary biopsies.

47 Prostate cancer screening consists of assaying prostate specific antigen (PSA) in the blood and
48 a digital rectal examination. About one third of the French male population aged from 50 to 69
49 years old received at least one PSA assay during the year 2014 (5). In France, the test is
50 prescribed in most cases by general practitioners (GP). They may refer the patient to a urologist
51 in the event of an abnormal test result. Subsequently, the urologist may perform a prostate
52 biopsy according to the patient's history and preferences. Biopsies are necessary to diagnose
53 prostate cancer (PC).

54 There is no national prostate cancer-screening program organized by health authorities in
55 France, given the benefit-risk ratio (6). Nevertheless, screening may be performed at the
56 patient's request after a discussion with his GP. National and international (e.g. United States
57 Preventive Services Task Force (7)) recommendations encourage informed choice and shared
58 decision-making for prostate cancer screening so that men may choose to receive screening or
59 not according to their individual preferences.

60 To achieve this goal, GPs must provide enough information on prostate cancer screening and
61 make sure that men understand its pros and cons (e.g. false positives, overdiagnosis), medical
62 statistics and uncertainty (8,9). To help healthcare providers to meet this objective (10–12), a
63 growing number of decision aids and educational tools on prostate cancer screening are being
64 developed. These tools can have an effect on men's intention to be screened and on their
65 understanding of the issues involved. In France, some institutions make printed brochures
66 available for use by clinicians (e.g. French National Cancer Institute (2016), ARC foundation
67 (2014)). A research project in 2015 evaluated the effect on adherence of a two-page decision
68 aid (13). They found a reduction in stated screening adherence in the intervention arm. In their

69 decision aid, they did not use key words and omitted some risks (e.g. false negative results).
70 Screening efficacy was shown by means of an icon array to facilitate understanding of the risks.
71 However, the data presented on screening efficacy from the European Randomized Study of
72 Screening for Prostate Cancer (ERSPC) are not the most recent. Moreover, in some studies on
73 education tools, videos have demonstrated their superior communicative potential over other
74 modes of communication such as internet website pamphlets and routine consultations (14).
75 Thus, we developed a new video on prostate cancer screening in order to help men make an
76 informed choice.

77 We tested its effect on the process of choosing to undergo prostate cancer screening or not. We
78 also investigated quantitatively men's preferences regarding the benefits and risks of screening.

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82 **2) Method**

83 To investigate men preferences, we performed a discrete choice experiment (DCE), an
84 econometric method increasingly used in health economics (15).

85 ***a) Discrete choice experiment***

86 DCEs allow fictive screening program characteristics to be ranked according to their
87 relative importance in the decision. The method is based on Lancaster's consumer theory (16),
88 which stipulates that a program or an intervention in healthcare can be described by its main
89 characteristics, called attributes, and their relative levels. In a DCE, the respondent states which
90 alternative he/she prefers among the fictive scenarios. These scenarios are composed of several

91 attributes (e.g. efficacy of the test, out-of-pocket costs, etc.) and differ according to several
92 levels of attribute. Preferences are extracted from the respondent's stated choices.

93 ***b) Identification and selection of attributes and levels***

94 To implement a stated DCE, attributes and levels are selected and fictive scenarios are created.
95 Attributes and levels were chosen to test the effect of the benefit-risk ratio on prostate cancer
96 screening choices. We performed PubMed and Econlit searches in May 2018 to identify
97 attributes and corresponding levels using keywords: "discrete choice" and "cancer screening".
98 Four DCE were found to explore preferences with regard to prostate cancer screening with
99 discrete choice analysis (17–20). Attributes used in these studies were related to death from
100 prostate cancer (17–20), recommended screening frequency (17), number of biopsies (19) and
101 PSA false positive results (17,18), number or percentage of prostate cancers diagnosed (18–
102 20), risk of overdiagnosis (20), risk of overtreatment (17), treatment side-effects (impotence
103 and incontinence) (18–20) and out-of-pocket costs (17,18,20). False negative results were not
104 introduced into these choice models. We interviewed 5 experts (i.e. epidemiologist, ethicist,
105 health economist and physicians) to select and formulate the attributes and levels. They based
106 their choice on key objective elements (e.g. available care strategies, benefits and risks of each
107 procedure), which should be provided by GPs during a consultation. Finally, six attributes were
108 selected: risk of mortality by prostate cancer, risk of false positive results, risk of false negative
109 results, risk of overdiagnosis, recommended screening test frequency and out-of-pocket costs.

110 Out-of-pocket costs for the patient only concern medical expenses related to a cancer
111 screening procedure (i.e. GP consultation, and PSA blood assay). In France, since 2017, a
112 routine consultation GP is charged € 23,00 of which € 16,50 are reimbursed by the health
113 insurance system and up to € 5,50 by the patient's private insurance policy. A PSA assay costs
114 € 10,80 of which 60 % is reimbursed by the health insurance system and up to € 3,32 by private

115 insurance. Levels of out-of-pocket cost attribute vary according to these rates and to the various
116 fictive reimbursement rates applied by the social security system, i.e. from no reimbursement
117 at all to complete reimbursement of medical expenses.

118 Since there is no national prostate cancer screening program in France, the frequency of
119 the PSA assay and the rectal examination depends on the GP. Levels associated with the
120 recommended frequency attribute were based on the frequency tested during the main surveys
121 and on GPs' prescription habits.

122 Levels of the four risk attributes were extracted from the major clinical trials on prostate
123 cancer screening (ERSPC (21), PLCO and CAP (4)) (21–25). Based on recent progress in risk
124 communication (26), the wording of attribute levels based on risks was established with the
125 same indicator (i.e. per 1,000 persons regularly screened). Table 1 gives an overview of the
126 attributes and levels used in this study. Respondents could obtain more details about the
127 attribute definitions (i.e. false positive rate, false negative rate, overdiagnosis, out-of-pocket
128 costs) by clicking on the attribute's label.

129 Table 1.

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131 Given the selection of attributes and levels, 972 combinations ($4^1 \cdot 3^5$) were available
132 for this survey. To reduce the cognitive effort caused by too many tasks per respondent, an
133 experimental design was created to obtain 14 scenarios by using the OPTEX procedure in the
134 SAS software (version 9.4) (27). This fractional nearly orthogonal design maximized the D-
135 efficient score (90.0788). Alternative scenarios extracted from this design were randomly
136 distributed between two fictive screening options by applying a blocking strategy (28). At the
137 end, a total of 7 tasks per respondent was obtained.

138 Figure 1

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140 *c) Study design and questionnaire*

141 Before completing the questionnaire, half of the respondents were randomly assigned in
142 order to have access to a 6-minute video on prostate cancer screening produced by our research
143 team. Several patients, a urologist and GPs watched a previous version of the video and
144 suggested changes to improve its clarity and neutrality and to limit its cognitive demand. The
145 video is available in the supplementary files. The video started with information on prostate
146 anatomy and physiology. Then, key epidemiological data on prostate cancer were illustrated
147 with diagrams. Next, the screening procedure was presented. Its benefit and risks were
148 graphically represented with two icon arrays (consequences for 1.000 men with and without
149 screening) as it is used by The Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care (29), for
150 example. This format is recommended for communicating about risks and benefits, especially
151 among men with a low level of numeracy (30). At the end, the official French guidelines were
152 explained to the participants.

153 Either directly or after the video, each participant received instructions on the stated
154 preference experiment (i.e. context of prostate cancer screening, background to DCE).
155 Respondents had to express their intentions regarding hypothetical and fictive screening
156 programs. In this experiment, the participants chose one of two prostate cancer screening
157 programs. Since it is irrelevant to force respondents to choose between screening programs
158 potentially considered as unimportant (31), choice sets included two fictive prostate cancer
159 screening programs and one opt-out option (i.e. “do not undergo a prostate cancer screening
160 test”). An opt-out option is an alternative whose attribute levels do not change according to the
161 choice situations. Table 2 is an example of a choice situation proposed to respondents. A within-

162 set dominated-pairs test was added to test the rationality of DCE responses (32,33). Respondent
163 characteristics likely to influence choice of cancer screening adherence were also collected (e.g.
164 age, prostate cancer screening experience, highest level of education). The last question
165 concerned difficulty in completing the questionnaire (from easy to hard).

166 A pilot study in 50 respondents tested the relevance of the attributes, the level of
167 comprehension and the feasibility of the full questionnaire. A few changes were made to the
168 introductory section after this phase. The mean survey duration was 17 minutes, including
169 viewing.

170 *a) Study sample*

171 A survey institute oversaw the recruitment process. They performed a sampling
172 approach with the quota method to be representative of the male population aged from 50 to 75
173 years old and without any prostate cancer diagnosis. For this purpose, criteria used were age,
174 French regions, type of agglomeration, and socio-professional categories. In January 2019, the
175 survey institute used e-mail (16,064 emails sent) to contact potential respondents from a French
176 panel. Among the recipients, 2.703 men clicked on the study link. If respondents agreed with
177 the terms, they could complete the online survey. Finally, a total of 1.024 respondents
178 completed the entire questionnaire.

179 Two tests were included to evaluate choice rationality. The dominant alternative of the within-
180 set dominated pairs test was chosen by 62.21 % of respondents. 118 men failed the rationality
181 test and/or systematically selected the same screening alternative, whatever the screening
182 scenario content. They were excluded from the analysis. Finally, statistical analysis was
183 performed on data from 854 participants. Among them, 427 respondents had to watch the video
184 before completing the questionnaire.

185 In accordance with French law, ethical committee (CLERS: Comité Local d’Ethique de la
186 Recherche) and CNIL (Commission Nationale de l’Informatique et des Libertés) approval was
187 obtained before the survey began.

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189 *b) Statistical analyses*

190 Based on the maximization of utility principle, the relative importance of the choice
191 components could be estimated through alternative utility functions. In these utility functions,
192 utility is explained by a measurable part composed of attributes. All attributes were included in
193 a logistic model in the SAS software (version 9.4) as continuous variables. The main effect
194 model is presented below:

$$195 U_{nj} = \beta_0 + ASC_{opt-out} + \beta_1 \times DR_{nj} + \beta_2 \times FP_{nj} + \beta_3 \times FN_{nj} + \beta_4 \times OD_{nj} + \beta_5 \times CO_{nj} + \beta_6 \times FR_{nj} + \epsilon_{nj}$$

196 Where β_0 is the Alternative Specific Constant (ASC) representing choice parameters
197 unmeasured, $ASC_{opt-out}$ is another alternative specific constant which is equal to 1 if the no-
198 screening option is chosen, 0 otherwise. DR_{nj} , FP_{nj} , FN_{nj} , OD_{nj} , CO_{nj} , FR_{nj} are vectors of the
199 attributes mortality by prostate cancer, false positive result rate, false negative result rate,
200 overdiagnosis rate, out-of-pocket costs and recommended frequency of screening, β_1 , β_2 , β_3 , β_4 ,
201 β_5 , and β_6 their vector of parameters, and ϵ_{nj} represents the random and unobservable part. We
202 assumed that the latter component was independently and identically distributed (i.i.d.).

203 A ranking of attribute importance in men’s choices is then available with the sign and the
204 magnitude of each coefficient. A priori expectations had a negative impact on alternative utility
205 for all attributes.

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207 Willingness to pay

208 Marginal Willingness-To-Pay (MWTP) was then calculated from out-of-pocket costs and risk
209 attributes. For example, MWTP represents how much men were willing-to-pay in order for an
210 additional man not to succumb to prostate cancer per 1,000 men screened $\frac{\beta DR}{-\beta CO}$. Confidence
211 intervals of these estimations were estimated by using the delta method (34), which stipulated
212 that the confidence interval of WTP

$$213 \text{ WTP} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\text{var}(\text{WTP})}.$$

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215 Effect of individual characteristics, anxiety and video

216 Various specifications of the model were tested by incorporation different interaction
217 components like socio-demographic data. Health anxiety level was broken down into three
218 levels (i.e. low, medium and high) according to terciles. A high level of anxiety was assumed
219 to reinforce the negative estimation of mortality by prostate cancer, false negative, false positive
220 and overdiagnosis attributes. Men with a high level of anxiety were also assumed to increase
221 the value of screening.

222 Video access was also added as an interaction term to test our hypothesis that an
223 informative video could modify choice preferences. The video was assumed to improve
224 understanding of the benefits and risks of screening and thus to reinforce the negative effect of
225 mortality by prostate cancer, false positive rate, false negative rate and overdiagnosis. It was
226 also assumed to reduce the positive perception of screening by representing the benefit-risk
227 ratio of prostate cancer screening or the statement by the French health authorities.

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231 **3) Results**

232 *a) Description of study population*

233 Characteristics of the study population and associated statistics are presented in Table 3. Mean
234 age of the sample was 61.33 ys (s.d. 6.91). Self-estimated health was considered as good or
235 very good by 45.32 % of the population. About 15 % of the population declared feeling afraid
236 that they may have cancer often or most of the time and 18.03% knew someone with prostate
237 cancer. About 90% of the population had a regular follow-up with a GP and less than 10% with
238 an urologist.

239 Concerning screening behavior, 39.58% of the population declared performing PSA screening
240 every year or every 2 years. Only 12.53 % men underwent a digital rectal examination with the
241 same frequency, and 61.59 % had never received this clinical exam. Compared to prostate
242 cancer screening, adherence to organized colorectal cancer screening was higher (43.56%).
243 Another screening attitude indicator was agreement with the question “Do you ever examine
244 your body to find whether there is something wrong?” for which 9.49 % checked “often” or
245 “most of the time”. About 92 % of respondents judged the questionnaire easy to very easy.

246 Table 2.

247 ***b) Distribution of choices***

248 The first screening alternative (i.e. screening test A) was chosen 1.480 times (24.76% with
249 video: 663 without video: 817), the second screening alternative (i.e. screening test B) 1.604
250 times (26.83 % with video: 761 without video: 843) and the opt-out option 2.894 times (48.41%
251 with video: 1565 without video: 1329). Men using the video were more able to select the opt-
252 out option “no screening option” (52.36% vs 44.46% $p < 0.001$).

253 Parameter estimations are detailed in Table 3. Except for overdiagnosis and recommended
254 frequency, all the attributes had the expected significant sign. Mortality by prostate cancer, false
255 positive result, false negative result and out-of-pocket costs had a negative sign and were
256 significant at the 5 % level. Recommended frequency was not significant, so screening test

257 frequency is not a major component prostate cancer screening decision. The overdiagnosis
 258 component had an unexpected positive sign and was statistically significant. In other words,
 259 men tend to attach more importance to an increase in overdiagnosis. The intercept was not
 260 significant, which means that the major components of screening choice are integrated as
 261 attributes.

262 **Table 3: Men’s preferences for prostate cancer screening based on main effect logit model**

<i>Attribute</i>	<i>Estimates (N=854*7)</i>	
	<i>Coefficients</i>	<i>P-value</i>
<i>Constant</i>	0.1308	0.0999
<i>ASC_{opt-ou}</i>	0.2671	<0.0001
<i>PC mortality</i>	-76.9197	<0.0001
<i>False positive</i>	-3.0764	<0.0001
<i>False negative</i>	-21.3894	0.0002
<i>Overdiagnosis</i>	5.0361	0.0003
<i>Screening frequency</i>	0.00598	0.8165
<i>Out-of-pocket costs</i>	-0.0122	<0.0001
WTP		
<i>Mortality reduction</i>	6.304.89	
<i>False positive</i>	252.16	
<i>False negative</i>	1753.23	
<i>Overdiagnosis</i>	-412.80	
Statistical goodness of fit of model		
<i>AIC (Akaike’s Information Criterion)</i>	21 554.692	

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265 ***c) Willingness to pay***

266 Willingness to pay (WTP) for several attributes is detailed in Table 3. Men were willing to pay
267 for a reduction in prostate cancer mortality (6.304,89 € +/-2.761,99) or false negative results
268 (1.753,23 € +/-1.054,65) more than for a reduction in false positive results (252,16 € +/-68,54)
269 and overdiagnosis (-412,80 € +/-233,00). Therefore, men are on average willing to pay 6.304,89
270 € to save a person's life from prostate cancer. Because of large confidence intervals, WTP is
271 more useful for hierarchizing preferences than for its monetary value.

272 ***d) Effect of video***

273 The effects of the video on the components are detailed in Table 4. As expected, viewing the
274 video was associated with attributing value to the no-screening option. Men without access to
275 the video were more able to value the decrease in the risk of a false negative. Regarding the
276 other risk attributes (i.e. mortality by prostate cancer, risk of false positive result,
277 overdiagnosis), video access had no significant effect.

278 ***e) Investigation of heterogeneity***

279 Several individual characteristics such as medical follow-up, information-seeking behaviour,
280 integration in the health choice process, cancer screening experience, age, anxiety, health
281 insurance, marital status, occupational category and highest level of education were selected in
282 the choice models as interaction terms to investigate preference heterogeneity (Table 4). Most
283 of the individual characteristics interacted with our dummy variable "no screening alternative".
284 A high level of health anxiety was associated with attributing value to screening alternatives
285 and reduction of mortality due to prostate cancer. Irregular medical follow-up, involvement of
286 men in the health decision process, passive information-seeking behaviour and no experience

287 of cancer screening (i.e. at least one PSA assay or faecal blood test for prostate and colorectal
288 cancer screening, respectively) had a negative effect on choosing a screening strategy.
289 Moreover, men with experience of screening have a greater tendency to value a reduction in
290 prostate cancer mortality. On the contrary, men living in a couple and with some occupational
291 categories (i.e. workers, managerial and professional occupations) were more attracted by
292 screening. Monthly income lower than the median of the sample reinforced the negative value
293 attributed to out-of-pocket costs. The effect of the video persisted despite adjustment on
294 individual characteristics.

295 Table 4.

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298 **4) Discussion**

299 The results of this DCE in men consulted about prostate cancer screening showed preferences
300 in accordance with a priori expectations, excepted for overdiagnosis. Among the risk attributes,
301 the number of prostate cancer deaths and the number of false negative results were the most
302 important components of their screening decisions. In other stated preference studies, false
303 negative risk was not included as an attribute, but reduction of mortality due to prostate cancer
304 was more important than false positive and overdiagnosis/overtreatment risks (17,18,20),
305 except in men aged from 40 to 49 years old in one study. This preference ranking could be due
306 to a fear and anxiety relative to cancer. In most cases, men probably would not take the risk of
307 a delayed prostate cancer diagnosis and risk missing the putative benefits of early treatment of
308 any potential cancer. In a systematic review of qualitative studies on prostate cancer screening
309 published in 2017, the authors found 13 studies which described prostate cancer screening as a
310 survival imperative (35).

311 Another finding of this study is the unexpected sign of the overdiagnosis attribute. In
312 stated preferences on prostate cancer screening, it was also considered as a positive argument
313 in a French study (20) and negative in another one from the Netherlands (17). Overdiagnosis
314 could be considered positive in our analysis because of a misappropriation of the term.
315 Overdiagnosis is a relatively new and complex notion. Its definition is sometimes
316 counterintuitive since cancer is perceived as a severe illness (36,37). Several studies
317 investigated appropriation of this concept in the general population. In UK, about one third of
318 390 men or women aged 50 to 70 remembered having read or heard the term (38). The rate was
319 lower (7.7%) when participants were asked to give a definition of overdiagnosis. In prostate
320 cancer, about 18 % of US men with experience of a PSA assay declared being aware of the risk
321 of overdiagnosis (39). We assume that despite efforts to disseminate this notion through an
322 informative video and stated preference instructions, some men in our sample may have
323 misunderstood the term.

324 Another explanation of this unexpected sign is that some men may consider
325 overdiagnosis as an opportunity to choose a less invasive treatment. They may wish to know as
326 soon as possible if they have prostate cancer so that less invasive treatment is offered to them.
327 This eventuality was identified during qualitative interviews in a previous part of this project
328 about prostate cancer adherence.

329 The video seemed to have a global effect on screening intention but no (or relatively
330 little) effect on the value given to specific attributes. The reduction in stated adherence is
331 congruent with the findings of other studies assessing decision aids in prostate cancer screening
332 (12). Because the video covered wide-ranging topics, we assume that it is not sufficient in itself
333 to grasp complex notions like risk components such as overdiagnosis. Information provided by
334 the video should not replace that given by GPs. Rather, it could act as a starting point for fuller
335 discussion with them.

336 ***a) Strengths and weaknesses***

337 This study is one of the first on prostate cancer screening adherence to use a DCE methodology
338 (40). It is different from other DCE on men's preferences, since it is the only one to consider
339 every main benefit and risk of prostate cancer screening as attributes. It also has the largest
340 population of respondents. Respondents were identified through a survey institute panel, were
341 contacted by e-mail and were time-compensated. Although this inclusion strategy may have
342 induced a selection bias, it was a way to be representative of our target population with the
343 application of quotas. Furthermore, we investigated men's preferences with fictive choice
344 scenarios. In actual health situations, men's behaviour might be different. For this reason, it is
345 recommended to compare preferences stated in experimental settings with those observed in
346 real-life conditions.

347 It is also one of the first study to test the effect of providing information on preferences (41).
348 Nevertheless, some of the parameters include may need to be modified in future studies using
349 the DCE and the video.

350 The questionnaire was completed online and not face to face. It would have been useful to be
351 able to assess the respondents' attitude as they watched the video (e.g. lack of attention). We
352 tried to maximize their attention during the video by obliging them to watch it in its entirety
353 (i.e. fast-forward and next options were not available).

354 Finally, the time between the reception of information and the decision was not taken into
355 account. The effect of the video could be modulated over time and together with a conversation
356 with a health professional.

357 ***b) Implications for clinicians and policymakers***

358 Considering the preferences that the participants indicated, the act of viewing the video was not
359 sufficient for all the ins and outs of screening to be understood. Yet the workload of GPs is
360 increasing in France and their lack of time may be a reason why the benefits and risks of
361 screening are not fully addressed. Therefore, the video could serve to facilitate the
362 comprehension of complex terms and to trigger discussion with GPs.

363 **5) Conclusions**

364 The participants attached importance to avoiding false negative results and prostate cancer
365 mortality to the detriment of other risks of screening. More effort is needed to give men the
366 opportunity to make informed choices because of the complexity of the benefit-risk ratio in
367 prostate cancer screening.

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370 **List of abbreviations**

371 CAP Cluster Randomized Trial of PSA Testing for Prostate Cancer

372 DCE Discrete Choice Experiment

373 ERSPC European Randomized Study of Screening for Prostate Cancer

374 GP General Practitioner

375 PLCO Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian Cancer Screening Trial

376 PSA Prostate Specific Antigen

377 WTP Willingness To Pay

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379 **Declarations**

380 Ethics approval and consent to participate

381 In accordance with French law, ethical committee (CLERS: Comité Local d’Ethique de la
382 Recherche) and CNIL (Commission Nationale de l’Informatique et des Libertés) approval was
383 obtained before the survey began. In accordance with French law, as stated by the methodology
384 MR003 for non-interventional research protocol (adding information on
385 [https://www.cnil.fr/fr/declaration/mr-003-recherches-dans-le-domaine-de-la-sante-sans-
387 recueil-du-consentement](https://www.cnil.fr/fr/declaration/mr-003-recherches-dans-le-domaine-de-la-sante-sans-
386 recueil-du-consentement)), we informed respondents before the questionnaire completion. The
387 need for consent was thus deemed unnecessary according to national regulations for this study
388 protocol.

389 Consent for publication

390 Not applicable

391 Availability of data and materials

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524 **Figure Legends**

525 Figure 1 : Example of a choice set

526 **Table1: Attributes and levels of fictitious prostate cancer screening programs**

Attributes	Attribute label used in survey	Attribute supplementary information	Levels	Opt-out option level	References
Mortality by prostate cancer	Number of deaths by prostate cancer		2 / 1,000* 5 / 1,000* 6 / 1,000*	6 / 1,000	Schröder et al.(2014) (3)
False positive result	Number of false positive results to the screening test (false alarm)	This wrong alert induces potentially useless supplementary exams (biopsies) because men do not have cancer	50 / 1,000* 150 / 1,000* 250 / 1,000*	0	Kipeläinen, et al. (2011) (41)
False negative result	Number of false negative results on screening test	Prostate cancer is undetected yet individual has prostate cancer	1 / 1,000 5 / 1,000 10 / 1,000	0	Verbeek, et al. (2018) (42)
Overdiagnosis	Number of prostate cancers detected, even treated unnecessarily (overdiagnosis)	This prostate cancer would never cause symptoms, pain or death	10 / 1,000* 30 / 1,000* 50 / 1,000*	0	Etzioni, et al. (2013) (23)

Recommended frequency	Frequency at which you should be screened		Every year Every 2 years Every 4 years	NA	Tsodikov et al (2017) (2)
Out-of-pocket costs	Amount to pay for each screening session	Amount is not reimbursed by national health insurance or supplementary health insurance	0 € 10 € 20 € 40 €	0	NABM ⁽¹⁾ , NGAP ⁽²⁾

527 Notes: * per one thousand men regularly screened for prostate cancer

528 ⁽¹⁾ http://www.codage.ext.cnamts.fr/codif/nabm/index_presentation.php?p_site=AMELI

529 ⁽²⁾ https://www.ameli.fr/sites/default/files/Documents/377680/document/ngap_14.04.18.pdf

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534 *Table 2: Representativeness of men in sample*

	Video access (n=427)	No video access (n=427)	Difference (Khi-2)	Total (n=854)
Age (mean=61.34, s.d.=6.945)				
50-62	245 (57.38)	230 (53.86)		475 (55.62)
62-75	182 (42.62)	197 (46.14)	0.3015	379 (44.38)
Education level				
Low (\leq bachelor's degree)	236 (55.27)	217 (50.82)		453 (53.04)
High ($>$ bachelor's degree)	191(44.73)	210 (49.18)	0.1927	401 (46.96)
GP follow-up (more than 1 per year)				
Yes	382 (89.46)	379 (88.76)		761 (89.11)
No	45 (10.54)	48 (11.24)	0.7417	93 (10.89)
Urologist follow-up (more than 1 per year)				
Yes	39 (9.13)	39 (9.13)		78 (9.13)
No	388 (90.87)	388 (90.87)	1.00	776 (90.87)
Self-rated health status				
Poor / Very poor	39 (9.14)	55 (12.88)		94 (11.00)
Quite good	199 (46.60)	174 (40.75)		373 (43.68)
Good / Very good	189 (44.26)	198 (46.37)	0.1246	387 (45.32)
PSA screening experience				
Every year / Every 2 years	157 (36.77)	181 (42.39)		338 (39.58)
Every 4 years and less	62 (14.52)	66 (15.46)	0.3469	124 (11.99)

Never	208 (48.71)	180 (42.15)		388 (45.43)
Digital rectal examination experience				
Every year / Every 2 years	44 (10.30)	63 (14.76)		107 (12.53)
Every 4 years and less	113 (26.46)	108 (25.30)		221 (25.88)
Never	270 (63.23)	256 (59.95)	0.0015	526 (61.59)
Colorectal cancer screening experience				
Every 2 years	191 (44.73)	181 (42.39)		372 (43.56)
Less than every 2 years	87 (20.37)	81 (18.97)		168 (19.67)
Never	149 (34.89)	165 (38.64)	0.5225	314 (36.77)
Know anyone with prostate cancer?				
Yes	78 (18.27)			
No	349 (81.73)	76 (17.80)		154 (18.03)
		351 (82.20)	0.8587	700 (81.97)

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538 **Table 4: Men's preferences for prostate cancer screening based on main effect with**
 539 **interactions logit model**

<i>Attribute</i>	Total (N=779*7)	
	Coefficients	P-value
<i>Constant</i>	-0.1357	0.1087
<i>ASC_{opt-ou}</i>	0.4164	<0.0001
<i>PC mortality</i>	-76.7004	<0.0001
<i>False positive</i>	-3.0794	<0.0001
<i>False negative</i>	-20.0634	0.0011
<i>Overdiagnosis</i>	4.9651	0.0007
<i>Screening frequency</i>	0.00504	0.8536
<i>Out-of-pocket costs</i>	-0.0122	<0.0001
<i>Effect of informative video</i>		
<i>Watching informative video</i>		
<i>*no screening option</i>	0.1737	<0.0001
<i>No informative video access</i>		
<i>*false negative</i>	-12.1888	0.0046
<i>Interactions with individual characteristics</i>		
<i>Low level of health anxiety</i>		
<i>*no screening option</i>	0.1563	<0.0001
<i>*PC mortality</i>	10.0525	0.0485
<i>High level of health anxiety</i>		

<i>*no screening option</i>	-0.2443	<0.0001
<i>*PC mortality</i>	-13.2117	0.0080
<i>Irregular medical follow-up</i>		
<i>*no screening option</i>	0.1523	<0.0001
<i>Absence of medical research</i>		
<i>*no screening option</i>	0.1882	<0.0001
<i>Being involved in health decision process</i>		
<i>*no screening option</i>	0.1602	<0.0001
<i>No experience of cancer screening (prostate or colorectal)</i>		
<i>*no screening option</i>	0.3930	<0.0001
<i>Having experience of cancer screening (prostate or colorectal)</i>		
<i>*PC mortality</i>	-15.3020	0.0005
<i>Monthly income <3000€</i>		
<i>*out-of-pocket costs</i>	0.00202	0.0222
<i>Worker status</i>		
<i>*no screening option</i>	-0.1747	<0.0001
<i>Managerial status</i>		
<i>*no screening option</i>	-0.1140	<0.0001
<i>Single/divorced/widower</i>		
<i>*no screening option</i>	0.0969	<0.0001
<i>Statistical goodness of fit of model</i>		
AIC (Akaike's Information Criterion)	18946.534	

