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# *List of Abbreviations*

Abb.	Full term
AGO .....	Argonaute
Akt .....	Serine/threonine kinase
ALP .....	Alkaline phosphatase
ALT .....	Alanine aminotransferase
AR .....	Androgen Receptor
ASI .....	Age-standardized incidence
AST .....	Aspartate aminotransferase
BCA .....	Bladder cancer
CAM-DR .....	Cell adhesion mediated drug resistance
CBC .....	Complete blood count
CDKN .....	Cyclin dependent kinase inhibitor
CDKN2A.....	Cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 2A
CIS .....	Carcinoma in situ
CT .....	Computed tomography
FAF1 .....	Fas-associated factor 1
FGFR3 .....	Fibroblast growth factor receptor 3
GGT .....	Gamma glutamyl transferase
GIT.....	Gastrointestinal tract
GST .....	Glutathione S-transferase
ITGA5 .....	Intergrin alpha 5
let-7.....	Lethal-7
LOH .....	Loss of heterozygosity
MIBC .....	Muscle-invasive bladder cancer
miRISC .....	MiRNA-induced silencing complex
miRNAs .....	MicroRNAs
MLK3.....	Mixed lineage kinase 3
MMC .....	Mitomycin C
NANOG .....	Nanog Homeobox
NAT .....	N-acetyltransferase



## *List of Abbreviations Cont...*

Abb.	Full term
NMIBC .....	Non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer
ORF .....	Open reading frame
PIK3CA .....	Phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate 3-kinase catalytic subunit alpha isoform
PKC- $\alpha$ .....	Protein kinase C- $\alpha$
PTEN .....	Phosphatase and tensin homolog
qPCR.....	Quantitative real time PCR
RB1 .....	Retinoblastoma protein
RISC .....	miRNAs/minimal miRNA-induced silencing complex
RNA-Seq .....	RNA sequencing
RT .....	Reverse Transcription
SCC.....	Squamous cell cancers
shRNA .....	Small hairpin RNA
SIRT-1 .....	Sirtuin-1
SOX2.....	Box 2
SRY .....	Sex determining region Y
STAG2 .....	Stromal antigen 2
TBRI .....	Theodor Bilharz Research Institute
TCC .....	Transitional cell carcinoma
TERT .....	Telomerase reverse transcriptase
UBC .....	Urothelial bladder cancer
WHO.....	World Health Organization
ZEB1/2.....	Zinc finger e-box binding homeobox 1/2

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# INTRODUCTION

Bladder cancer (BCA) is the most common cancer of urinary tract with approximately 550,000 new cases diagnosed in 2018 worldwide (*Ferlay et al., 2018*). In Egypt, BCA has the second-high prevalence. It accounts for 12.7% of male cancers with >7900 deaths per year, which is considerably higher than most other parts of the world. It is mostly related to smoking and Schistosoma infection (*Nagy et al., 2018*).

Risk factors as chronic bladder inflammation, family history of bladder cancer and increased age are major causes (*Antoni et al., 2017*).

Surveillance strategies for BCA recurrence have historically relied on the diagnostic combination of cystoscopy with histopathology and urinary cytology. However, cystoscopy approach is costly, invasive and uncomfortable. Urinary cytology is a preferable technique for the diagnosis of bladder tumors; however, it has low sensitivity. That's why new approaches are being tested (*Yun et al., 2013*).

Many studies have explored circulating cell free miRNAs and provided evidence that they exist in a stable form in various body fluids, such as: blood, urine, saliva and peritoneal fluid (*Weber et al., 2010*). MicroRNAs (miRNAs) are abundant non-coding RNA molecules of 19–24 nucleotides that perform a critical role in the regulation of gene expression

at the post transcriptional level. MiRNAs have been demonstrated to act as key regulators in the pathogenesis of diseases, particularly in cancer (*Tan et al., 2018*).

It is widely believed that the circulating miRNAs might not only come from circulating tumor cells, but also be released into the blood stream directly via blood cells or other tissue cells affected by disease. It is becoming clearer that the majority of circulating miRNAs are carried by various carriers, such as exosomes, Ago2, HDL, etc, as carrier-free miRNAs will be degraded by RNase digestion and other environmental factors (*Mo et al., 2012*).

Micro RNAs such as miRNA-31 show significantly elevated concentrations in bladder cancer patients compared to healthy. So it is emerging as a potential biomarker in BCA that can be promising in early diagnosis (*Juracek et al., 2018*).

## **AIM OF THE WORK**

The aim of the present work is to evaluate the clinical utility of miRNA-31 in plasma as an early novel diagnostic marker for patients with bladder cancer, in comparison to cystoscopy with histopathology as a conventionally used technique for cancer detection.