Table 3

Summary of NICE recommendations for referral for suspected cancer

The following patients should be referred urgently:

- Painless macroscopic haematuria at any age
- Macroscopic haematuria with UTI symptoms but UTI not confirmed
- ≥ 40 years with recurrent or persistent UTI and haematuria
- ≥ 50 years with unexplained microscopic haematuria
- Abdominal mass found clinically or radiologically and thought to arise from kidney or urinary tract

Non-urgent referral:

- < 50 years with microscopic haematuria
  - ▶ Test for proteinuria and creatinine:
    If normal, non-urgent referral to urology
    If raised, refer to renal physician

Adapted from NICE. CG27. Referral guidelines for suspected cancer. NICE. London. 2005