All negatives are not a negative

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Although the findings of this paper were negative, the article is well-written and well-designed and asks a meaningful question. In this cohort of patients, it does not appear that urinary pH manipulation will meaningfully effect patients’ outcomes with NMIBC. At the very least, clinicians can use these results to look for other modifiable variables to improve outcomes in patients with NMIBC and explore these other avenues to their fullest. A negative study can certainly have an important impact on clinical care and should not necessarily not be given its due just because it does not have a novel, positive finding.

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