

Reviewer's report

Title: Canadian Men's Perspectives About Active Surveillance in Prostate Cancer: Need for guidance and resources

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The authors should be congratulated on this descriptive qualitative study regarding Canadian Men on active surveillance for Prostate Cancer.

Minor issues:

1. Title: The authors could make the title more attractive to the reader. I would suggest based on their results and conclusions the following: Canadian men's perspective about active surveillance in prostate cancer: Present need for guidance and resources.

2. Abstract: On the background section - the authors should either re-do the this section or re-word it. The first three paragraphs of the background are objectives.

On Results - Even though the manuscript is a descriptive analysis, I think the reader would have a better idea of the degree of concerns if we could qualify in percentages the results, somehow. For example, conversation with their doctorwas cited as key influences in their decision ...in 90% of cases, etc. etc.

Conclusions - We know this. Any other supportive tools at this time that could influence the guidance and decision making?

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Results: Even though the study is a descriptive qualitative one, we should have some percents at least in results, to give the reader an estimated idea of the responses.

Discussion:

I think that the findings in this manuscript are very well known to the urology community. Having said this, this manuscript proves it. Now, the most important thing is what are we doing at this moment in time in our practices that could influence decision making to submit patients to a biopsy, or to therapy versus active surveillance after diagnosis. This should be clearly explained in the discussion.

The authors should include in the discussion section a summary of newer resources and tools that can prevent doing unnecessary biopsies in patients that do not need to be submitted to such procedures (example: 4K score, multi parametric Prostate MRI). They should also discuss about decision making analysis with objective parameters such as genetic counseling in patients with family history of prostate cancer (example: Counsyl comprehensive panel studies, genetic patterns). Biomarkers such as Prolaris and Oncotype DX should be also mentioned to discuss about tools that can actually help in decision making after the diagnosis of prostate cancer. Are these tools available in Canada? Are they covered by public or private insurances?

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Yes

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