Reviewer's report

Title: Transperineal prostate brachytherapy, using I-125 seed with or without adjuvant androgen deprivation, in patients with intermediate-risk prostate cancer: study protocol for a phase III, multicenter, randomized, controlled trial

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Miki et al report the design of an ongoing phase III multicenter randomize trial of ADT + brachytherapy vs. brachytherapy alone in men with intermediate risk prostate. The authors clearly highlight how the use of ADT in patients with intermediate prostate cancer is controversial. Thus the authors have designed a study to finally and clearly answer the question, is ADT needed with brachytherapy in men undergoing brachytherapy. This is a well thought out, well written article from a strong group of investigators. Below is a point by point critique of the manuscript.

• Major Compulsory Revisions
NONE

• Minor Essential Revisions
All have been made.

• Discretionary Revisions
All has been addressed

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.