Reviewer’s report

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Discretionary revision:

I understand that the authors have performed a sensitivity analysis to account for the effects of in-situ and unstaged cancers. They state that the odds ratios are not affected by removing these patients from analysis. I think that in general, these patients should not be included in this type of study.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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