Reviewer's report

Title: Androgenic suppression combined with radiotherapy for the treatment of prostate adenocarcinoma: a systematic review

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The role of hormone deprivation therapy in conjunction with radiotherapy is one of hot topics in the treatment of high-risk prostate cancer. Although well-designed phase 3 trials were reported in 2011, this manuscript is a well-written and valuable one.

Major revisions

Very recently, phase 3 clinical trials were reported showing that the use of short-term androgen deprivation therapy before and during radiotherapy or 6 months neoadjuvant androgen deprivation therapy were associated with significantly decreased disease-specific mortality and increased overall survival [1, 2]. The authors should include those reports in the analysis or should cite these papers in Discussion.


Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.