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Prof. Hayley Henderson
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Dear Prof. Henderson:

We herewith submit the manuscript entitled “Neoadjuvant hormonal therapy is a feasible option in laparoscopic radical prostatectomy” for publication in BMC Urology as an original article.

The paper deals with a study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of neoadjuvant hormonal therapy (NHT) in laparoscopic radical prostatectomy (LRP) for locally confined prostate cancer. We found that LRP is safe and effective for the treatment of PCA in men who received NHT. A longer period of NHT can reduce the positive surgical margin rate, and might improve the biochemical recurrence free survival on LRP.

In Japan, there are a limited number of large institutes where LRP can be performed. Consequently, many diagnosed cases of PCA have a long waiting period before the procedure can be scheduled. Therefore, we believe that the findings of this study are relevant to the scope of your journal and will be of interest to its readership.

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approved the manuscript and agree with its submission to your journal. Details regarding authorship, conflicts of interest, and ethical approval are given in the accompanying Author Submission Requirement Form. Each author participated sufficiently in the work to take public responsibility for appropriate portions of the content. Taku Naiki carried out to design the study and make statistical analysis, and drafting of the manuscript. Noriyasu Kawai made critical revision of the manuscript. Takehiko Okamura and Daisuke Nagata carried out the acquisition of data. Yoshiyuki Kojima and Hidetoshi Akita participated in the design of the study and performed the statistical analysis. Takahiro Yasui and Keiichi Tozawa participated in its design and coordination and helped to draft the manuscript. Kenjiro Kohri made supervision of this study. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

We checked the described paper titled “Laparoscopic radical prostatectomy after neoadjuvant hormonal therapy: an apparently safe and effective procedure, by JA Brown and colleagues. We cited and discussed this paper in our manuscript. A native English speaker was asked to help copyedit the paper.

Your consideration of this paper will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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