Reviewer's report

Title: Long-term results of radical prostatectomy with immediate adjuvant hormonal therapy for pT3 prostate cancer

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Major compulsory revisions:
none

Minor essential revisions:
1. Why was 5 years used as the duration of ADT for patients? Was ADT ever routinely stopped or was it continued indefinitely?

2. On lines 161 and 162, you state "although advantage of adjuvant radiotherapy is confirmed, actual outcome rate is still inferior." I'm confused with what this means. In the preceding sentence you speak of salvage hormone therapy. Did you mean to state "...actual outcomes are still poor"? If you are implying that adjuvant therapy is inferior to salvage therapy, this is not true.

3. In the sentence beginning on line 182, "in accordance with their report, a subgroup cohort of pT3bNo patients achieved excellent outcomes...". Is this sentence referring to a subgroup cohort in the referenced study in the preceding sentence, or is did you perform a subgroup analysis in your current study?

4. The general syntax of the paper could use some improvement. There are a few grammatical errors that sometimes make reading difficult. Reading through the sentence a couple times usually allows for understanding, but an editorial eye by someone proficient in medical English may be beneficial.

5. You spelled Gleason incorrectly in both of the tables (it says "Gleasn score at biopsy")

Discretionary revisions:
1. Your follow-up pathway after prostatectomy is quite robust (q1mo x 3mo, q3mo x 5 yrs). Is this standard practice in Japan or at your institution? Is this what you do for all prostate cancer patients or only for those pT3 or greater?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
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