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Title: Is DRE essential for the follow up of prostate cancer patients? A Prospective audit of 194 patients

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Dear Sir,

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We thank you for considering our Manuscript for Biomed Central Urology.

We have attended to the recommendations of the reviewers and have made the following changes

1. Reference to the last available figures from office of national statistics in ref 1
2. Introduction – addition of extra paragraph on the published literature regarding nurse specialists and prostate cancer follow up
3. References no 6 and 7 added
4. Rearrangement of other references
5. The article has now been formatted according to the template
6. Changes that are made are highlighted
7. There are no national guidelines published by BAUN . ( Please find the copy of the email attached )

I hope these changes will address the issues raised by the reviewers.

Yours sincerely

N Ragavan
Copy of the email from BAUN

I am not aware of national guidelines for DRE training, such issues are usually a matter for local protocols.

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To: info@baun.co.uk
Subject: clinical guidelines

Dear sir/madam,

I am working as a research fellow at Royal Preston Hospital.
Are there any guidelines for DRE training/ performing for nurse specialists involved in prostate cancer follow up?
Thanks for your help
Ragavan

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