Reviewer's report

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

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
1. The term "..first amonst male urological cancers..." in the first line of the introduction should contain a reference to the fact that this is with respect to incidence.
2. The first line of the introduction refers to figures from 1999, are there no more up to date figures now available?
3. The fact that nurse specialists are now running prostate cancer follow up clinics should be referenced

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
1. Perhaps BAUN guidelines on Specialist nurse training in DRE should be quoted and referenced

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None