Reviewer’s report

Title: Toremifene, a selective estrogen receptor modulator, significantly improved biochemical recurrence in bone metastatic prostate cancer: a randomized controlled phase IIA trial

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Minor comments:

In general, the quality of written English is acceptable, however the manuscript does contain some typos. For instance page 3/line 10 („preliminary”), page 5/line 10 (”clinical trial phase IIA trial”), page 11/line 10 (”therapy”), page 12/line 13 (”also”). This needs to be corrected.

Major comments:

Has the ER status determined in tumor samples of patients? This could provide important additional information.

Despite the clinical relevance and adequate design of this work, the small patient number (n=15) is clearly insufficient to support the conclusions drawn from the presented data.

- ER status determined?

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