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Charnita Zeigler-Johnson (Reviewer 1): The revised version of the manuscript is improved. I have two remaining suggestions.

(1) It is unclear if the reported rates/trends for prostate cancer in Japan are age-adjusted or crude rates. Please supply age-adjusted rates if they are available and clarify which type of rate is reported.

(2) Please provide an explanation or hypothesis for why prostate cancer mortality rates are increasing while the proportion of high risk patients is decreasing.

The age-adjusted mortality rate have shown decreasing trend in Japan by the National Cancer Center Japan.
We corrected the description as below,

In Japan, the age-adjusted incidence rate of prostate cancer have shown increasing trend, while the age-adjusted mortality rate have shown decreasing trend year after year as reported by the National Cancer Center Japan. The projected incidence and number of deaths due to prostate cancer take 1st and 6th place, respectively, among all cancers for Japanese men in 2016 (http://gdb.ganjoho.jp).