Author’s response to reviews

Title: Evaluation of serum prolidase activity and oxidative stress markers in men with BPH and prostate cancer

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19/11: R3 version assessed. Aus have made requested changes. Pre-accept. MAR (cover)

31/10: R2 version assessed. Language editing has much improved the text - but it looks like in the process of accepting track changes numerous instances of missing spaces between words has been introduced. Ref 2 had requested changing scale on fig 1 to make it clearer, but aus have changed box plot into a simple bar chart of what seems to be median levels of prolidase activity - this is much less informative than the previous box plot. Requesting minor revisions to change fig 1 back to box plot but with larger font size for category labels on x-axis and increased font size and number of tick marks and labels on y-axis. Also to proof the manuscript to deal with missing spaces.

**ACTION JEOA**: please flag to EE when revised ms submitted. MAR (cover)

08/10: Report x 1 assessed. Ref 2 now recommends acc-disc, only comment to address being scale on fig. Requesting minor revisions for report and editorial requirements, incl: 1) language editing; 2) list fig leg after Refs.
**ACTION JEOA**: please flag to EE when revised ms submitted. MAR (cover)

01/10: R1 version assessed. Pbp appears satisfactory in response to ref 2's comments (no comments from ref 1 to aus); aus have not measured additional markers but have presented more results and added text to ms. Editorial requirements addressed except for language editing which needs more work. Sending back to ref 2 for re-review.

**ACTION JEOA**: please flag to EE when re-review is in or if invited ref declines/doesn't respond. MAR (cover)

24/09: Reports x 2 assessed. Ref 1 senior and on-topic, gives brief confidential comment saying scientifically sound but of low interest (it is a negative study), recommends reject but says publish if we have space; only point raised is small sample size. Ref 2 also appropriate, recommends reject but report reads more like a request for major revisions - methods sound, but need better background explanation, fuller presentation of results and possibly additional ox stress markers measured for correlation analysis. Think aus should be given opportunity to respond as both refs indicate science is sound; aus do mention small sample size as study limitation in Disc. iThenticate on just the ms doc shows 44% - most overlap is in tech aspects of Meth so can be acceptable; small amount of overlap in Disc needs addressing. Requesting major revisions for reports and editorial requirements, incl: 1) iThenticate; 2) check e-adds belong to specified aus; 3) change Abst headers; 4) change ms text headers; 5) incl Abbv; 6) Declarations: incl header, initials for ACs; 7) English language editing.

**ACTION JEOA**: please flag to EE when revised ms submitted. MAR (cover)

19/09 All Reviews completed. flagged to EE to make decision. MCM

12/09 1 agreed No response from other invited refs. flagged to EE for IMR. MCM

08/09 SN TPS invited refs. MCM

01/09 Flagged to TL to chase SN TPS. MCM

25/8 With SN TPS for assistance. MJL (cover)

24/8 Sent to SN TPS to invite refs - HHE

10/08 No response from SE. flagged to EE to check sub. MCM 18/08 24/08

07/08 Chase SE. MCM

28/07 Transferred MS in. Assigned to SE. MCM

26/07 MS Sent Back to Aus. MCM
25/07 Sent ms back to the author for completion. MCM

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- Title page present - Y
- Title page contains the correct elements - Y
- Abstract present - Y
- Abstract with sections - Y
- TRN present (if study protocol; if article reports the results of a controlled health-care intervention) - NR
- Article sections present - Y
- sub-sections based on article type - Y
- Declarations - N
- Ethics (and consent to participate) - N
- Name of ethics committee present - N
- Ethics for field studies - N
- Consent to publish (case report) - N
- Competing interests - N
- Authors' contributions - N
- Availability of data and materials - N
- Acknowledgements present - N
- Data deposition - based on journal requirements - NR
- CAREs checklist (if case report) - NR
- List of abbreviations used (if any) - N