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ARTICLE DETAILS

TITLE (PROVISIONAL)	PCASTt/SPCG-17 – A randomised trial of active surveillance in prostate cancer: rationale and design
AUTHORS	Ahlberg, Mats; Adami, Hans-Olov; Beckmann, Kerri; Bertilsson, Helena; Bratt, Ola; Cahill, Declan; Egevad, Lars; Garmo, Hans; Holmberg, Lars; Johansson, Eva; Rannikko, Antti; Van Hemelrijck, Mieke; Jäderling, Fredrik; Wassberg, Cecilia; Åberg, Ulrika; Bill-Axelsson, Anna

VERSION 1 – REVIEW

REVIEWER	Jeremy Millar Monash University Australia
REVIEW RETURNED	22-Dec-2018

GENERAL COMMENTS	The definitions of progression-free survival are not standard and thus may impede comparison with other studies. Specifically the more commonly used definition of progression after surgery is the AUA definition of 0.2 or more and a confirmatory test. Similarly the most common definition after RT is the Phoenix, which is an increase of more than 2 above the nadir. This is different from the definitions in the protocol.
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REVIEWER	Leonard Marks UCLA, U.S.A.
REVIEW RETURNED	28-Jan-2019

GENERAL COMMENTS	This should be a definitive study, providing clear answers to the key questions.
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VERSION 1 – AUTHOR RESPONSE

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ANSWER: Thank you for this important remark. Our intention has been to utilise commonly used definitions of progression. We have changed to the EAU definitions of biochemical recurrence after radical prostatectomy and to the Phoenix definition of biochemical failure after radiotherapy (page 10, paragraph 1).