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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Editor The authors compared retrospectively the results of adjuvant and salvage radiotherapy after radical prostatectomy. They found that patients in the adjuvant group had better biochemical recurrence-free survival but no other benefit. Comments: 1. The authors should define "undetectable PSA". 2. Median follow-up (53 months) is too short. With longer follow-up other benefits of the adjuvant treatment may come-up. 3. There is no mention of side effects, not even in the discussion. To be clinically relevant this issue cannot be ignored. 4. Since the study is retrospective, it is subjected to selection bias. Yet this bias would probably favor the salvage group.



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This is an interesting retrospective study comparing the effects of adjuvant vs. salvage RT on biochemical recurrence free survival of high risk PCa pts with initially undetectable post-op PSA. This is well-written work and both the results and limitations of the study are adequately documented.