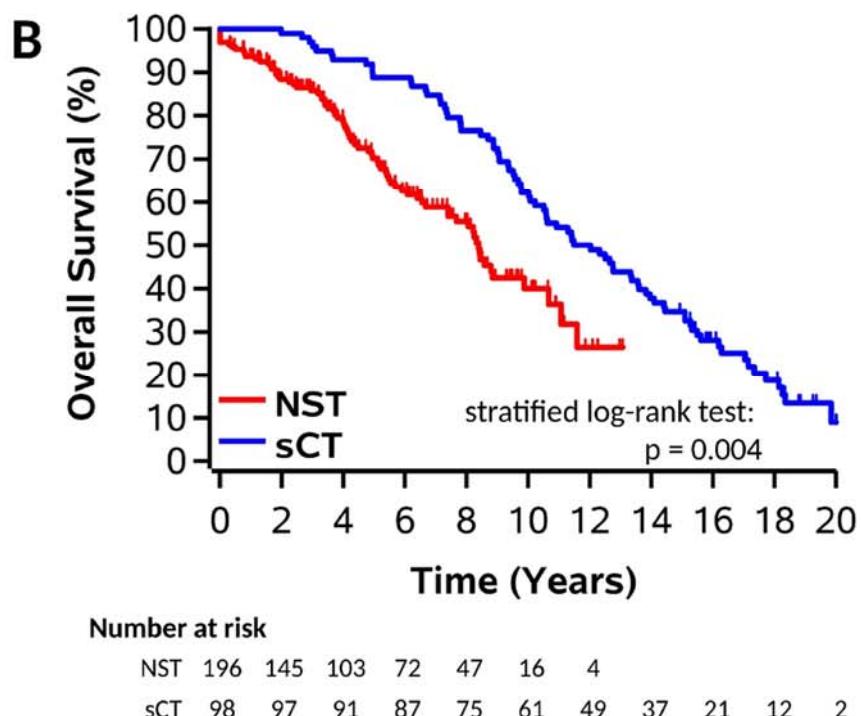
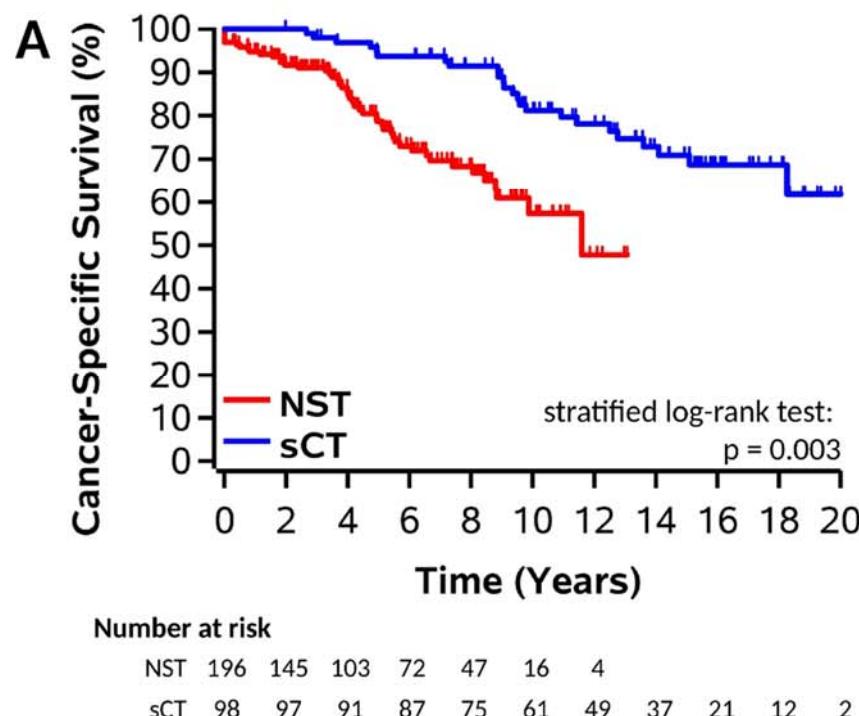
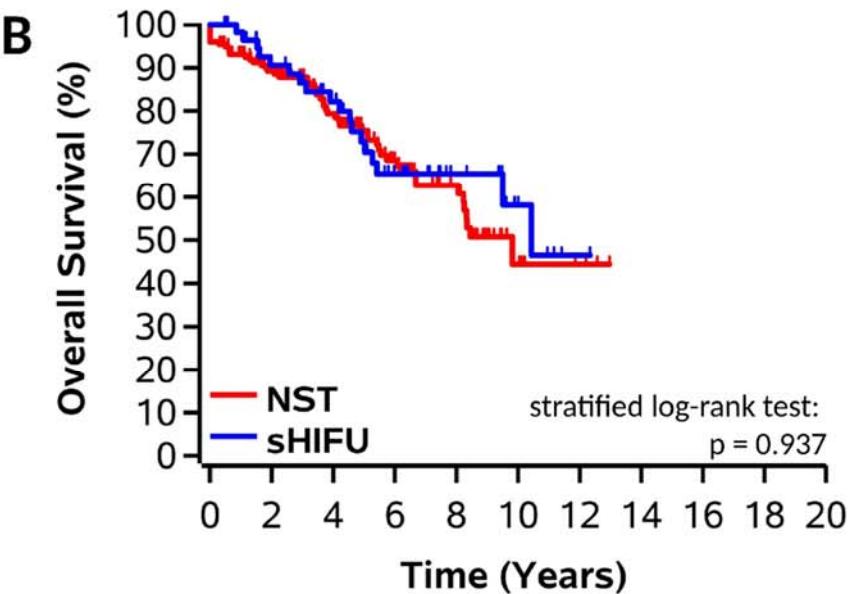
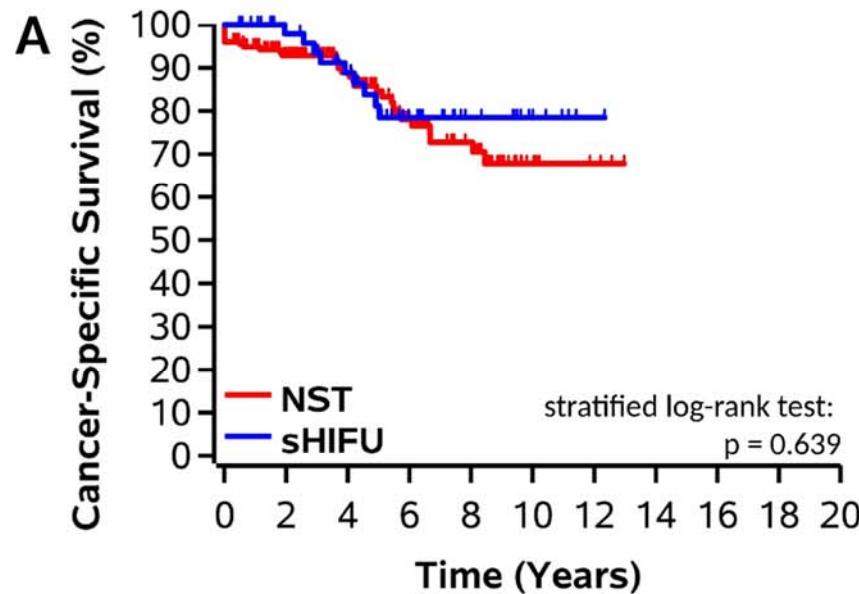


APPENDIX

Supplementary Fig. 1. Kaplan-Meier plot for survival outcomes for matched patients (NST and sCT) from date of biochemical failure. NST: no salvage treatment; sCT: salvage transperineal cryotherapy.



Supplementary Fig. 2. Kaplan-Meier plot for survival outcomes for matched patients (NST and sHIFU) from date of biochemical failure. NST: no salvage treatment; sHIFU: salvage transrectal high intensity focused ultrasound ablation.



Number at risk

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|-------|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|
| NST | 177 | 131 | 87 | 54 | 33 | 7 | 3 |
| sHIFU | 59 | 46 | 37 | 23 | 13 | 6 | 1 |

Number at risk

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|-------|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|
| NST | 177 | 131 | 87 | 54 | 33 | 7 | 3 |
| sHIFU | 59 | 46 | 37 | 23 | 13 | 6 | 1 |

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| Supplementary Table 1. Summary of propensity score matching scenarios | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| # | Matching variable | Caliper | Ratio | Cryo/HIFU N | NST n | Total n | Final match |
| Match #1: NST = vs. Cryotherapy | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Logit(PS) | 0.2*SD*Logit(PS) | 1:1 | 133 | 133 | 266 | |
| 2 | Logit(PS) | 0.2*SD*Logit(PS) | 1:2 | 98 | 196 | 294 | *** |
| 3 | Logit(PS) | 0.2*SD*Logit(PS) | 1:3 | 71 | 213 | 284 | |
| 4 | Logit(PS) | 0.2*SD*Logit(PS) | 1:4 | 61 | 244 | 305 | |
| 5 | PS | 0.10*(PS) | 1:1 | 132 | 132 | 264 | |
| 6 | PS | 0.10*(PS) | 1:2 | 98 | 196 | 294 | |
| 7 | PS | 0.10*(PS) | 1:3 | 73 | 219 | 292 | |
| 8 | PS | 0.10*(PS) | 1:4 | 63 | 252 | 315 | |
| 9 | PS | 0.15*(PS) | 1:1 | 134 | 134 | 268 | |
| 10 | PS | 0.15*(PS) | 1:2 | 99 | 198 | 297 | |
| 11 | PS | 0.15*(PS) | 1:3 | 82 | 246 | 328 | |
| 12 | PS | 0.15*(PS) | 1:4 | 70 | 280 | 350 | |
| Match #2: NST vs. HIFU | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Logit(PS) | 0.2*SD*Logit(PS) | 1:1 | 92 | 92 | 184 | |
| 2 | Logit(PS) | 0.2*SD*Logit(PS) | 1:2 | 67 | 134 | 201 | |
| 3 | Logit(PS) | 0.2*SD*Logit(PS) | 1:3 | 55 | 165 | 220 | |
| 4 | Logit(PS) | 0.2*SD*Logit(PS) | 1:4 | 46 | 184 | 230 | |

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|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----|
| 5 | PS | 0.10*(PS) | 1:1 | 90 | 90 | 180 | |
| 6 | PS | 0.10*(PS) | 1:2 | 66 | 132 | 198 | |
| 7 | PS | 0.10*(PS) | 1:3 | 55 | 165 | 220 | |
| 8 | PS | 0.10*(PS) | 1:4 | 48 | 192 | 240 | |
| 9 | PS | 0.15*(PS) | 1:1 | 92 | 92 | 184 | |
| 10 | PS | 0.15*(PS) | 1:2 | 67 | 134 | 201 | |
| 11 | PS | 0.15*(PS) | 1:3 | 59 | 177 | 236 | *** |
| 12 | PS | 0.15*(PS) | 1:4 | 49 | 196 | 245 | |

Supplement Table 2. Summary of propensity score matching scenarios

| Characteristic | All patients | Caliper: 0.2*SD*Logit(PS) | | | | Caliper: 0.10 | | | | Caliper: 0.15 | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | | Ratio: 1:1 | Ratio: 1:2 | Ratio: 1:3 | Ratio: 1:4 | Ratio: 1:1 | Ratio: 1:2 | Ratio: 1:3 | Ratio: 1:4 | Ratio: 1:1 | Ratio: 1:2 | Ratio: 1:3 | Ratio: 1:4 |
| Match #1: NST vs. cryotherapy | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cryotherapy, n | 186 | 133 | 98 | 71 | 61 | 132 | 98 | 73 | 63 | 134 | 99 | 82 | 70 |
| EBRT, n | 982 | 133 | 196 | 213 | 244 | 132 | 196 | 219 | 252 | 134 | 198 | 246 | 280 |
| Age, SD | 0.892 | 0.068 | 0.027 | 0.042 | 0.134 | 0.074 | 0.032 | 0.067 | 0.080 | 0.060 | 0.037 | 0.060 | 0.087 |
| Baseline PSA, SD | 0.150 | 0.033 | 0.108 | 0.182 | 0.174 | 0.038 | 0.126 | 0.169 | 0.145 | 0.038 | 0.113 | 0.122 | 0.185 |
| T stage, SD | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T1 | 0.065 | 0.019 | 0.039 | 0.023 | 0.020 | 0.039 | 0.065 | 0.011 | 0.039 | 0.038 | 0.025 | 0.010 | 0.017 |
| T2 | 0.365 | 0.048 | 0.042 | 0.038 | 0.049 | 0.032 | 0.064 | 0.000 | 0.016 | 0.032 | 0.021 | 0.042 | 0.000 |
| T3 | 0.433 | 0.084 | 0.014 | 0.023 | 0.078 | 0.085 | 0.014 | 0.011 | 0.057 | 0.084 | 0.000 | 0.042 | 0.018 |
| T4 | 0.245 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Gleason score, SD | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2–5 | 0.615 | 0.000 | 0.039 | 0.098 | 0.138 | 0.000 | 0.039 | 0.097 | 0.136 | 0.000 | 0.038 | 0.091 | 0.129 |
| 6 | 0.827 | 0.031 | 0.020 | 0.010 | 0.052 | 0.031 | 0.020 | 0.037 | 0.008 | 0.031 | 0.030 | 0.065 | 0.088 |
| 7 | 0.202 | 0.133 | 0.043 | 0.038 | 0.016 | 0.134 | 0.043 | 0.009 | 0.072 | 0.133 | 0.032 | 0.083 | 0.115 |
| 8–10 | 0.317 | 0.152 | 0.110 | 0.000 | 0.034 | 0.153 | 0.110 | 0.000 | 0.033 | 0.152 | 0.109 | 0.012 | 0.010 |
| ADT pre-radiation, SD | 0.516 | 0.140 | 0.165 | 0.175 | 0.186 | 0.157 | 0.176 | 0.151 | 0.147 | 0.156 | 0.164 | 0.119 | 0.096 |
| Final match | | | *** | | | | | | | | | | |
| Match #2: NST vs. HIFU | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HIFU, n | 113 | 92 | 67 | 55 | 46 | 90 | 66 | 55 | 48 | 92 | 67 | 59 | 49 |
| EBRT, n | 982 | 92 | 134 | 165 | 184 | 90 | 132 | 165 | 192 | 92 | 134 | 177 | 196 |
| Age, SD | 1.100 | 0.086 | 0.083 | 0.162 | 0.225 | 0.059 | 0.059 | 0.157 | 0.239 | 0.086 | 0.083 | 0.076 | 0.226 |
| Baseline PSA, SD | 0.270 | 0.046 | 0.208 | 0.143 | 0.079 | 0.046 | 0.216 | 0.140 | 0.108 | 0.046 | 0.208 | 0.167 | 0.126 |
| T stage, SD | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T1 | 0.495 | 0.155 | 0.048 | 0.000 | 0.025 | 0.158 | 0.016 | 0.040 | 0.012 | 0.155 | 0.048 | 0.088 | 0.012 |
| T2 | 0.061 | 0.109 | 0.122 | 0.050 | 0.123 | 0.111 | 0.077 | 0.125 | 0.075 | 0.109 | 0.122 | 0.116 | 0.063 |

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|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|
| T3 | 0.576 | 0.082 | 0.134 | 0.076 | 0.147 | 0.083 | 0.106 | 0.138 | 0.126 | 0.082 | 0.134 | 0.054 | 0.108 |
| T4 | 0.245 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Gleason score, SD | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2–5 | 0.629 | 0.148 | 0.071 | 0.111 | 0.141 | 0.150 | 0.072 | 0.111 | 0.138 | 0.148 | 0.071 | 0.107 | 0.137 |
| 6 | 0.455 | 0.088 | 0.122 | 0.164 | 0.057 | 0.090 | 0.141 | 0.189 | 0.022 | 0.088 | 0.122 | 0.046 | 0.043 |
| 7 | 0.197 | 0.154 | 0.060 | 0.086 | 0.022 | 0.157 | 0.077 | 0.110 | 0.064 | 0.154 | 0.060 | 0.011 | 0.010 |
| 8–10 | 0.414 | 0.149 | 0.125 | 0.120 | 0.096 | 0.151 | 0.125 | 0.120 | 0.120 | 0.149 | 0.125 | 0.084 | 0.044 |
| ADT pre-radiation, SD | 0.447 | 0.133 | 0.069 | 0.040 | 0.000 | 0.135 | 0.088 | 0.054 | 0.034 | 0.133 | 0.069 | 0.089 | 0.022 |
| Final match: | | | | | | | | | | | | *** | |

ADT: androgen deprivation therapy; HIFU: high intensity focused ultrasound; PS: propensity score; PSA: prostate-specific antigen; SD: standard deviation.

| Supplement Table 3. Univariable and multivariable Cox proportional hazards regression models for NST vs. sCT | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--------|--|--------|--|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Dependent variable | Cancer-specific survival (date of radiotherapy) | | Overall survival (date of radiotherapy) | | Cancer-specific survival (date of BF/sCT) | | Overall survival (date of BF/sCT) | |
| Variable | HR (95% CI) | p | HR (95% CI) | p | HR (95% CI) | p | HR (95% CI) | p |
| Univariable | | | | | | | | |
| NST vs. sCT | 4.05 (2.60, 6.31) | <0.001 | 3.83 (2.88, 5.11) | <0.001 | 3.16 (2.17, 4.62) | <0.001 | 2.87 (2.25, 3.67) | <0.001 |
| Age (pre-radiation, per 5 years) | 0.97 (0.89, 1.05) | 0.441 | 1.23 (1.16, 1.32) | <0.001 | 0.97 (0.89, 1.06) | 0.475 | 1.21 (1.13, 1.29) | <0.001 |
| Baseline PSA (pre-radiation, per 5 ng/mL) | 1.05 (1.03, 1.07) | <0.001 | 1.03 (1.02, 1.05) | <0.001 | 1.04 (1.02, 1.06) | <0.001 | 1.02 (1.00, 1.03) | 0.127 |
| T stage (pre-radiation) | | | | | | | | <0.001 |
| T2 vs. T1 | 1.46 (0.94, 2.27) | <0.001 | | | <0.001 | | | 0.082 |
| T3 vs. T1 | 4.15 (2.68, 6.43) | 0.095 | 1.35 (1.04, 1.76) | 0.025 | 1.37 (0.88, 2.13) | 0.168 | 1.26 (0.97, 1.64) | <0.001 |
| T4 vs. T1 | 10.80 (5.83, 20.01) | <0.001 | 2.44 (1.85, 3.21) | <0.001 | 3.45 (2.23, 5.34) | <0.001 | 2.00 (1.53, 2.63) | <0.001 |
| Gleason score (pre-radiation) | | | | | | | | <0.001 |
| 7 vs. ≤6 | 1.96 (1.41, 2.71) | <0.001 | 1.50 (1.22, 1.85) | <0.001 | 1.92 (1.38, 2.66) | <0.001 | 1.38 (1.12, 1.70) | 0.002 |
| 8–10 vs. ≤6 | 5.30 (3.76, 7.46) | <0.001 | 3.12 (2.45, 3.97) | <0.001 | 4.75 (3.36, 6.71) | <0.001 | 2.61 (2.06, 3.33) | <0.001 |
| ADT pre-radiation, n (%) | 2.46 (1.95, 3.10) | <0.001 | 1.74 (1.48, 2.06) | <0.001 | 2.36 (1.87, 2.98) | <0.001 | 1.60 (1.36, 1.89) | <0.001 |
| Multivariable | | | | | | | | |
| NST vs. sCT | 2.64 (1.61, 4.34) | <0.001 | 2.41 (1.73, 3.36) | <0.001 | 2.23 (1.42, 3.51) | <0.001 | 1.87 (1.40, 2.51) | <0.001 |
| Age (pre-radiation, per 5 years) | 0.93 (0.84, 1.02) | 0.109 | 1.15 (1.07, 1.24) | <0.001 | 0.93 (0.84, 1.02) | 0.120 | 1.14 (1.06, 1.23) | <0.001 |
| Baseline PSA (pre-radiation, per 5 ng/mL) | 1.01 (0.98, 1.03) | 0.621 | 1.01 (0.99, 1.03) | 0.587 | 0.98 (0.95, 1.01) | 0.279 | 0.98 (0.95, 1.00) | 0.075 |
| T stage (pre-radiation) | | | | | | | | <0.001 |
| T2 vs. T1 | 1.45 (0.90, 2.32) | 0.126 | 1.25 (0.94, 1.64) | 0.121 | 1.36 (0.85, 2.19) | 0.204 | 1.23 (0.93, 1.62) | 0.144 |

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| T3 vs. T1 | 2.66 (1.64, 4.30) | <0.001 | 1.76 (1.31, 2.37) | <0.001 | 2.29 (1.41, 3.72) | <0.001 | 1.61 (1.19, 2.18) | 0.002 |
| T4 vs. T1 | 4.15 (2.09, 8.24) | <0.001 | 3.11 (1.86, 5.20) | <0.001 | 3.78 (1.86, 7.71) | <0.001 | 3.06 (1.79, 5.23) | <0.001 |
| Gleason score (pre-radiation) | | | | | | | | |
| 7 vs. ≤6 | 1.53 (1.08, 2.16) | <0.001 | 1.19 (0.95, 1.49) | <0.001 | 1.47 (1.03, 2.09) | <0.001 | 1.09 (0.87, 1.36) | <0.001 |
| 8–10 vs. ≤6 | 2.95 (2.01, 4.32) | <0.001 | 1.95 (1.49, 2.54) | <0.001 | 2.75 (1.87, 4.06) | <0.001 | 1.75 (1.34, 2.30) | 0.479 |
| ADT pre-radiation, n (%) | 1.41 (1.08, 1.85) | 0.011 | 1.33 (1.10, 1.60) | 0.003 | 1.51 (1.15, 1.98) | 0.003 | 1.39 (1.15, 1.68) | <0.001 |

p<0.05 shown in bold. ADT: androgen deprivation therapy; BF: biochemical failure; CI: confidence interval; NST: no salvage treatment; PSA: prostate-specific antigen; sCT: salvage cryotherapy.

| Supplement Table 4. Univariable and multivariable Cox proportional hazards regression models for NST vs. sHIFU | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|------------------|--|------------------|--|------------------|--|------------------|
| Dependent variable | Cancer-specific survival (date of radiotherapy) | | Overall survival (date of radiotherapy) | | Cancer-specific survival (Date of BF/sHIFU) | | Overall survival (Date of BF/sHIFU) | |
| Variable | HR (95% CI) | p | HR (95% CI) | p | HR (95% CI) | p | HR (95% CI) | p |
| Univariable | | | | | | | | |
| NST vs. sHIFU | 4.27 (2.31, 7.88) | <0.001 | 4.84 (3.14, 7.45) | <0.001 | 2.86 (1.60, 5.10) | <0.001 | 2.38 (1.63, 3.46) | <0.001 |
| Age (pre-radiation, per 5 years) | 0.95 (0.87, 1.04) | 0.278 | 1.19 (1.11, 1.28) | <0.001 | 0.93 (0.85, 1.02) | 0.118 | 1.13 (1.05, 1.21) | <0.001 |
| Baseline PSA (pre-radiation, per 5 ng/mL) | 1.04 (1.03, 1.06) | <0.001 | 1.03 (1.01, 1.04) | <0.001 | 1.04 (1.02, 1.06) | <0.001 | 1.02 (1.00, 1.04) | 0.116 |
| T stage (pre-radiation) | | | | | | | | |
| T2 vs. T1 | 1.50 (0.94, 2.41) | 0.089 | 1.74 (1.28, 2.36) | <0.001 | 1.42 (0.89, 2.27) | 0.147 | 1.60 (1.18, 2.17) | 0.003 |
| T3 vs. T1 | 4.14 (2.63, 6.52) | <0.001 | 2.80 (2.05, 3.81) | <0.001 | 3.38 (2.15, 5.33) | <0.001 | 2.18 (1.60, 2.98) | <0.001 |
| T4 vs. T1 | 10.26 (5.49, 19.17) | <0.001 | 6.89 (4.23, 11.22) | <0.001 | 7.25 (3.80, 13.80) | <0.001 | 4.50 (2.73, 7.42) | <0.001 |

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|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Gleason score (pre-radiation) | | <0.001 | | <0.001 | | <0.001 | | <0.001 |
| 7 vs. ≤6 | 1.62 (1.13, 2.32) | 0.009 | 1.37 (1.07, 1.75) | 0.013 | 1.50 (1.04, 2.16) | 0.029 | 1.23 (0.96, 1.58) | 0.094 |
| 8–10 vs. ≤6 | 4.53 (3.12, 6.57) | <0.001 | 2.94 (2.24, 3.85) | <0.001 | 3.81 (2.61, 5.55) | <0.001 | 2.35 (1.79, 3.08) | <0.001 |
| ADT pre-radiation, n (%) | 2.30 (1.80, 2.94) | <0.001 | 1.63 (1.36, 1.94) | <0.001 | 2.24 (1.75, 2.87) | <0.001 | 1.51 (1.26, 1.81) | <0.001 |
| Multivariable | | | | | | | | |
| NST vs. sHIFU | 2.88 (1.48, 5.62) | 0.002 | 2.76 (1.71, 4.45) | <0.001 | 1.89 (1.00, 3.61) | 0.052 | 1.46 (0.95, 2.26) | 0.088 |
| Age (pre-radiation, per 5 years) | 0.92 (0.84, 1.02) | 0.109 | 1.12 (1.04, 1.21) | 0.003 | 0.93 (0.84, 1.02) | 0.135 | 1.12 (1.03, 1.21) | 0.006 |
| Baseline PSA (pre-radiation, per 5 ng/mL) | 1.00 (0.98, 1.03) | 0.743 | 1.01 (0.98, 1.03) | 0.644 | 0.99 (0.96, 1.02) | 0.408 | 0.98 (0.96, 1.01) | 0.166 |
| T stage (pre-radiation) | | <0.001 | | <0.001 | | <0.001 | | <0.001 |
| T2 vs. T1 | 1.35 (0.83, 2.19) | 0.229 | 1.49 (1.09, 2.05) | 0.012 | 1.30 (0.80, 2.11) | 0.294 | 1.46 (1.07, 2.00) | 0.018 |
| T3 vs. T1 | 2.56 (1.57, 4.16) | <0.001 | 1.99 (1.43, 2.77) | <0.001 | 2.26 (1.38, 3.70) | 0.001 | 1.84 (1.32, 2.58) | <0.001 |
| T4 vs. T1 | 4.01 (2.02, 8.00) | <0.001 | 3.52 (2.07, 6.01) | <0.001 | 3.59 (1.76, 7.35) | <0.001 | 3.33 (1.92, 5.79) | <0.001 |
| Gleason score (pre-radiation) | | <0.001 | | <0.001 | | <0.001 | | <0.001 |
| 7 vs. ≤6 | 1.40 (0.96, 2.04) | 0.078 | 1.16 (0.90, 1.49) | 0.260 | 1.31 (0.89, 1.91) | 0.168 | 1.04 (0.80, 1.34) | 0.789 |
| 8–10 vs. ≤6 | 2.73 (1.82, 4.10) | <0.001 | 1.94 (1.45, 2.60) | <0.001 | 2.48 (1.65, 3.73) | <0.001 | 1.71 (1.28, 2.29) | <0.001 |
| ADT pre-radiation, n (%) | 1.37 (1.04, 1.81) | 0.025 | 1.29 (1.06, 1.58) | 0.012 | 1.48 (1.12, 1.96) | 0.007 | 1.37 (1.12, 1.68) | 0.003 |

p<0.05 shown in bold. ADT: androgen deprivation therapy; BF: biochemical failure; CI: confidence interval; NST: no salvage treatment; PSA: prostate-specific antigen; sHIFU: salvage transrectal high intensity focused ultrasound ablation.