Reviewer's report

Title: Single-incision laparoscopic cholecystectomy for cholecystolithiasis coinciding with cavernous transformation of the portal vein: Report of a case

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Authors described very rare case of single incision laparoscopic cholecystectomy for cholecystolithiasis coinciding with cavernous transformation of the portal vein.

This case report looks encouraging current approach of single port surgery, following issues should be addressed in revised version of manuscript.

- Long operation time (132min) and blood loss (370) in single incisional laparoscopic cholecystectomy seems not good. When authors had used conventional laparoscopic cholecystectomy, the patients would have experienced much better intraoperative outcome with same postoperative course. Do you think your approach in this specific case could be generally accepted? The potential benefit of single incisional approach seems to be inferior to conventional approach in this specific case, taking technical difficulty and patient’s potential risk during the operation. This issue should be included in discussion session.

- According to current case report, this approach may be very difficult and dangerous when applying single incision surgery. What would be potential indications or contraindications for single incision lap chole in case of CTPV? Please include in discussion session