Reviewer's report

Title: Intraoperative parathyroid hormone assay during focused parathyroidectomy: the importance of 20 minutes measurement

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
None

Minor Essential Revisions:
1.) Table 2, the first line (Parameter and %) is redundant, as always stated at the appropriate place
2.) Table 2, wrong title, should be "Results of intraoperative PTH monitoring in focused parathyroidectomy".
3.) Table 1, the title should leave out the term "in our experience"
4.) Discussion, line 17/18 The PTH decay after manipulation may even ..?... prolonged in patients with impared renal failure.
5.) Abstract/Background, line 7, is: the role of the...; should be: the possible impact of the...
6.) Abstract/Results, line 2, is: ...and in 12/188 after 20 min; should be:... and in FURTHER 12/188 or ...and in 168/188 after 20 min

Discretionary Revisions
I miss a comment on the 6 patients with low decrease of PTH in the 20min sample and normal PTH levels on the day after...

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests