Reviewer's report

Title: Discrepancy between radiological and pathological size of renal masses

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The authors have adequately addressed the concerns of the reviewers. From a conceptual point of view, despite their revisions and critical responses, the article adds little to the literature. The basic problem is that an absolute size discrepancy between T stage and P stage should not alter the willingness of a surgeon to execute a partial nephrectomy which is now considered an equivalent means of achieving local tumor control while preserving renal function and preventing chronic kidney disease at any tumor size. Although this may not be the current practice in Australia it is the state of the art at leading centers around the world. The goals of local tumor control by the least amount of kidney lost that is possible and maximum kidney preservation are now equivalent in the management of kidney tumors, 45% of which are indolent or benign in nature. An absolute size criteria is no longer considered sufficient to exclude a patient from a kidney sparing operation.

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