Reviewer's report

Title: Transurethral marking incision of the bladder neck: a helpful technique in robot-assisted laparoscopic radical prostatectomy involving post-transurethral resection of the prostate and cancers protruding into the bladder neck

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Major Compulsory Revisions

BACKGROUND, line 12 Author should discuss their choice or at least clearly explain why indigo carmine administration or stent placement were not chosen in order to aid dissection of the bladder neck

If this paper is meant to be a description of a new technique, the "operative" description of the surgical procedure should be implemented. what Da Vinci system do you use,? How is the O-R setting? . Did this procedure last longer than a standard RARP?

It is true that a previous TURP is a risk factor for RARP, however authors should state if other RARP cases were performed without tranurethral bladder neck incision. What was the previous experience of open radical prostatectomy and RARP of the surgeon?

Minor Essential Revisions

Case presentation.line 14. Authors should specify what intruments they used (optic, monopolar, bipolar)

Before catheter removal did the Authors perform a VCUG? How did htey check if there were any urine leak?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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'