Reviewer's report

**Title:** Impact of surgical technique (open vs. laparoscopic) on pathological and long term functional outcomes following radical prostatectomy

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**Reviewer:** Dogu Teber

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The authors could demonstrate a nice single center experience with two techniques of radical prostatectomy,

However several papers has commented on this topic the interesting point is that surgical experience is more important than the used technique.

It would be of interest how many cases they define as experienced surgeon : After 500 cases ? And what is the consequences in terms of training ?

The course of the individual learning curve would be nice supplement in this analysis.

And in the year 2013 one should comment on the role of robotic surgery as a possibility to reach a high quality in shorter time? - is there evidence in the literature for this ? This should be discussed….

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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'