Reviewer's report

Title: Approach via a small retroperitoneal anterior subcostal incision in the supine position for gasless laparoendoscopic single-port radical nephrectomy: initial experience of 42 patients

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Major Compulsory Revisions

This technique appears to be feasible and useful for urologists. However, there are several problems should be addressed.

1) Why did you perform RN for AML? Sometimes, it is difficult for us to differentiate AML from RCC in small renal mass. If you perform PN for small AML suspicious of RCC, all urologist will agree with your operation.

2) If you perform aspiration of fluid in case of hydronephrosis, you may perform RN in smaller incision. Please comments.

3) Please let me know the risk factor for operation time and bleeding. Body mass index? Age? If possible, it would be better to perform uni and multivariate analysis.

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

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I have no financial interests.