Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of prostate weight on perioperative outcomes of robot-assisted laparoscopic prostatectomy with a posterior approach to the seminal vesicle

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1) Minor Essential Revision:
It is not clear if there is a statistically significant difference in the four groups for the estimated blood loss and anastomosis time.
In the Abstract the Authors say:
"Both estimated blood loss and anastomosis time tended to be greater in the higher prostate weight groups, but the differences were not significant."
In the Results, Perioperative Outcomes the Authors say:
"Total operation times, robotic times, and anastomosis times were significantly greater among patients with prostate weights #50 g (P < 0.01)."
In the Discussion, fourth paragraph the Authors say:
"We did observe a trend towards longer anastomosis time among patients with larger prostates; however, the trend was not statistically significant."
In the Conclusion, the Authors say:
"We demonstrated that operative times, anastomosis times, and estimated blood loss for RALP are greater in men with large prostates."

2) The question posed by the authors is well defined, the methods appropriate and well described.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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