Reviewer's report

Title: Staging Lymphadenectomy in Patients with Localized High Risk Prostate Cancer: Comparison of the Laparoendoscopic Single Site (LESS) Technique with Conventional Multiport Laparoscopy

Version: 2 Date: 1 September 2014

Reviewer: Ahmed Ghaith

Reviewer's report:

Major compulsory comments to the authors:

you used A straight 3 mm needlescopic grasper via an additional subumbilical trocar and 3 mm grasper via an additional port in the lower abdomen in LESS group. This makes the technique conventional laparoscopy.

The average number of resected LN was 12 and according to European guidelines the minimum number of resected LN for good examination is 20. Your comment?

you used for all patients perioperative metamizole sodium, why? and do you think if you evaluate the postoperative pain through using of NSAID or narcotics will be better? What is pain score you used to assess the postoperative pain?

MLPL was performed by 15 urologic surgeons while one experienced laparoscopist carried out LESSPL may give some bias.

Using of straight and rigid prebent laparoscopic instruments may cause instrument overcrowding, your comment.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.