**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Systematic review and meta-analysis of Transurethral Needle Ablation in symptomatic Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia.

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**Reviewer:** Ali Unsal

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Reviewer Comments
The authors analysed the early and late results of TUNA from the literature search for the treatment of symptomatic prostatic hyperplasia. It is a well designed and well discussed study. However, it needs some revisions.

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**Major Compulsory Revisions:**
1. The manuscript is too long (Especially the results section). Number of pages should be reduced. There are 11 tables and 4 figures and some data were duplicated in tables and figures. It would be easy to read and understand the manuscript if it reduce to 5-6 tables and 1-2 figures.

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**Minor Essential Revisions:**
1. Fig. 1 and table 7 are unnecessary. They should be delete.
2. Fig 4 and table 9 are contain the same data. One should be delete.
3. Retrograde ejaculation is a form of ‘loss of ejaculation’. Generally ‘retrograde ejac.’ is used. So in table 5 and figure 4, these two data should be joined.
4. In the table 6, the explanation of RCT should be given in the abbreviations.
5. Table 9 and table 11 should be joined.
6. An English word should be used instead of ‘visa-a-vis’.

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**Discretionary Revisions:**
The main advantage of TUNA seems to not effect the sexual functions. The rate of retrograd ejaculation is very low after TUNA . So TUNA may be an alternative treatment for young patients who want to preserve their sexual functions. It would be useful if this direction of TUNA is emphasized in the 'discussion' or 'conclusion' by the authors.

**What next?:** Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests.