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Major Compulsory Revisions:

The statement during introduction that .."staged procedure carries the risk of rapid cancer growth due to the suppression of the immune function related to the CPB surgery" as well as the references for that are not strong enough to persuade the reader that simultaneous surgery is of any benefit; therefore the main idea of the paper, i think, it is not based on robust data. I could argue, that staged procedure under the circumstances could achieve comparable outcome.

Therefore I think that the authors they have to go back in the literature and obtained evidence that "staged procedures" are inferior to concomitant CABG and cancer surgery.

I agree that nephrectomy is feasible during CABG however I would argue that the mortality of the combined procedure may not necessary justify this approach.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests'