Reviewer's report

Title: Ureteroscopy assisted retrograde nephrostomy (UARN) for lower calyx calculi in horseshoe kidney.

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Reviewer: Ojas Shah

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

Less commonly used technique in treating stones in a horseshoe kidney

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The authors made several of the adjustments requested by the reviewers.

Do the authors have retrograde pyelogram from Case #2? The images in the report (Figure 2) show an unusual stone - possibly within a calyceal diverticulum in the lower pole -- further images or the retrograde pyelogram would be helpful.

When these cases are being performed, are the stents pre-placed because the plan is determined in the OR whether to treat ureteroscopically vs
percutaneously? If the plan is to go percutaneously, then the pre-stent should not be necessary.

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

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- I am a consultant and advisor for Cook Urological and Boston Scientific - no stocks or shares
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