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Title: Single-port laparoscopic adrenalectomy for right-sided aldosterone-producting adenoma: a case report

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Professor Michael Kidd AM
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Dear Dr. Michael Kidd AM,

We are enclosing the manuscript entitled “Single-port laparoscopic adrenalectomy for right-sided aldosterone-producing adenoma: a case report” to be considered for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports. No parts of this paper have been published or accepted by any other journals.

The applicability of right single-port laparoscopic adrenalectomy (SPLA) has not resulted in its widespread use because of its technical challenges. However, elevation of the right liver lobe using a MiniLap™ provided good visualization of the operative field, which reproduced a similar conventional laparoscopic adrenalectomy.

Based on our experience with this case, we believe that SPLA is a safe and feasible procedure for patients with a right-sided small adrenal tumor when performed by a surgeon experienced in laparoscopic and adrenal surgery. However, more surgical experience using this technique is required to confirm our initial impressions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our manuscript for publication. We look forward to receiving your reply.

Sincerely,

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