Reviewer’s report

Title: Effects of Low Versus Standard Pressure Pneumoperitoneum on Renal Syndecan-1 Shedding and VEGF Receptor-2 Expression in Living-donor Nephrectomy: A Randomized Controlled Study

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Reviewer: Reviewer 2

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OBJECTIVE - Full research articles: is there a clear objective that addresses one or several testable research questions? (Brief or other article types: is there a clear objective?)

Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

EXECUTION - Are the experiments and analyses performed with sufficient technical rigor to allow confidence in the results?

Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

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Yes - appropriate statistical analyses have been used in the study

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable

OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL - Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? If not, can further revisions be made to make the work technically sound?
Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: The authors did a great job in adapting the paper to my numerous requests and must be commended.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

I have few minor comments left:

1)  Level of precision of p values: please report only 1 decimal when the p is not statistically significant. For example, in table 1, "0.223" can be changed into "0.2" and "0.291" into "0.3".

2)  Figures 2 to 4: Please, embed a table with the crude values. Otherwise, the boxes are poorly readable.

3)  The 2 videoclips are virtually identical, with the exception of the working space which is slightly larger in the 12 mm Hg group. I do not think that a video is needed herein but surely 2 ones are definitively too many. Considering that the 8 mmHg video is of poorer quality, I would delete at least that one.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
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Yes

Are the conclusions drawn adequately supported by the data shown?
If not, please explain in your comments to the authors.

Yes

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