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Title: Analysis of surgical and oncological Outcome in internal and external Hemipelvectomy in 34 Patients above the Age of 65 Years at a mean Follow-up of 56 Months

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

we would like to thank you for your comments and improvement proposals for this study.

We have addressed your concerns as follows:

- indications for hemipelvectomy have been included in the Introduction section.
- preoperative workup imaging details has been substantially reduced.
- postoperative follow-up has been redefined.
- the manuscript has been revised regarding your recommendations in terms of manuscript style.
- Conclusion section has been rephrased.

We agree that a bigger patient cohort would have been desirable, but owing to the rarity of that procedure performed in elderly patients and the study design (single-center-experience) the number of patients included in this study was limited. We believe that - for the reasons stated in our study - in the future hemipelvectomy will need to be discussed more frequently in elderly patients and think that the data of our study can contribute to make a more reliable treatment decision in these difficult cases even if the number of patients is limited. Further, we hope that the results of this study will launch multi-center-studies on that topic to get more accurate data.

We are looking forward to receive any further remarks regarding this study.

Sincerely,

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