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Title: The safety and efficiency of retroperitoneal laparoscopic adrenalectomy via extra and intra perinephric fat approaches: A Retrospective clinical study

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Dear Editor,

We are very grateful to hear that our article is potentially to be published in your Journal. Thanks for the editor's advice to make the article more rigorous. Here is the reply to the editor's comments.

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Reply: This is a retrospective study. All the patients in the group had a detailed understanding and signed the informed consent before the operation. In this paper, all patients had signed the informed consent. We added explanations to the main text. Ethics approval section, line 17-25, page 14.

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Reply: XZ, WF, XS were the main surgeons of the patients with IPFA approach, and made indirect contributions to the article. If editors consider that they do not meet the requirements of co-authors, we can consider deleting the three authors.

3. Abbreviations If abbreviations are used in the text they should be defined in the text at first use, and a list of abbreviations should be provided in the Declarations.

Reply: We have added the abbreviation part in the Declarations part. Thank you for Editor’s reminding.

 Declarations section, line 5-11, page 14.

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