Reviewer’s report

Title: Sensitivity of Initial Biopsy or Transurethral Resection of Bladder Tumor(s) for Detecting Histological Variants on Radical Cystectomy

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. None

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Line 29 should say "147 patients with variant histology"
2. Line 48 should say "cystectomy specimens have inferior survival"
3. Line 74 - Delete "pronounced"
4. Line 93 - Delete "a"
5. Line 99 - Delete "Herein" and say "This study WAS aimed at..."

Discretionary Revisions
1. More discussion on the implications of variant histologies on neoadjuvant chemotherapy prior to cystectomy

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests.