Reviewer’s report

Title: Effect of prostate gland weight on the surgical and oncological outcomes of extraperitoneal robot-assisted radical prostatectomy

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- background: line 18, confusing wording

- methods: line 55, did you exclude patients who had metastasis after RARP? If so, isn't that an oncological outcome that should have been included? If not, then perhaps clarify that these patients had metastasis prior to surgical intervention for prostate cancer.

- results: line 34-37, provide numbers and p-values for the significant findings (mean console time and mean estimated blood loss)

- results: only look at operative outcomes as a function of prostate weight; would be nice to see multiple linear regression to see if operative outcomes such as EBL and console time are associated with any other factors such as age, BMI, clinical stage, prior abdominal surgery, etc. Or at least mention this as limitation of the study in the discussion.

- discussion: line 10, wording "whereas" is inappropriate

- conclusion: line 40-41, can you conclude that ER-RARP may be safely performed "regardless" of prostate size without acknowledging that factors other than prostate size may have contributed to the finding of significantly higher EBL?

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