Title: Retzius-sparing Robot-assisted Laparoscopic Radical Prostatectomy: Functional and Early Oncologic Results in Aggressive and Locally Advanced Prostate Cancer

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The authors present a small (n=50) retrospective single-centre series of men with high-risk prostate cancer having robot-assisted radical prostatectomy (RARP) using a Retzius-sparing (RS) technique with 12 months' follow-up. Continence levels at 3 and 12 months were high at 82% and 98% and positive surgical margin (42%) and potency rates after uni- or bi-lateral nerve preservation were good at 42%.

Methods: The RS-RARP technique described by Galfano utilized 2 (not 4) sutures to retract the superior aspect of the peritoneotomy. What were exclusion criteria for RS-RARP? Were patients with anterior tumours included and if so with what results?

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