Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of Case Volume per Year on Flexible Ureteroscopy Practice: An Internet Based Survey

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It is well designed study; however, I have some minor concerns as follow:

1. Did you asked the flexible urs and Access sheath diameter. It is important for preop and post op stenting. Some digital scopes have larger diameter than fiberoptic ones.

2. What was the question of using safety guidewire? During the operation you must use guide wire to insert the scope or sheath to the ureter. There are different kind of Access sheaths that allows to use safety guide wire to use internal or external part of the sheath." De S, Sarkissian C, Torricelli FC, Brown R, Monga M. New ureteral Access sheaths: a double standard. Urology. 2015 Apr;85(4):757-63." 

3. I think preoperative urine culture is mandatory independent of experience. The urinary tract infection is one of the cause of ureteric injury. What is your opinion about that?

4. it may be useful to provide information about the number and distribution of questions in the material-method section

5. were there any geographical difference of the use of access sheath, dj stent, urs type etc.
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