Reviewer's report

Title: Endoscopic combined intrarenal surgery in the prone-split leg position for successful single session removal of an encrusted ureteral stent: a case report

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- The case report is not unique, and the way to solve it has already been published (Farshid S, Urol Case Rep 2019; Torricelli FMC, Urology 2017; Usui K, Hinyokika Kiyo. 2016; ...).

- Therefore References should be implemented.

- Major English revision is needed.

- Title: Endoscopic combined intrarenal surgery appears for the first time in the title and then no more except in the abbreviations... It's a pity, use ECIRS as acronym afterwards (otherwise remove it from the it from the abbreviations).

- Abstract, Case presentation: there is nothing about the calcified forgotten stent was managed!!!

- Background: a hint to use JJ stent registries of any kind (and related citations) should be introduced.

- Case presentation: why do you show only X-rays? Please add images from the CT scan, possibly with contrast, also evaluating HU and shape of the stone. Preoperative antibiotic e.v. prophylaxis after therapy?

- Did you evaluate the risk of using a FlexX2 in parallel with the forgotten stent (with the risk of damaging it because of the narrow ureter/possibilty of calcified stent)?

- Nephrostomy tube, which kind?

- Ureteral stent, which size and length?

- Discussion: why do you turn the patient for the percutaneous step instead of maintaining the same position (a modified supine one like the Galdakao modified supine Valdivia position)?

- Discussion: discuss already published literature on the topic!
The conclusion (In summary,...): the reader does not understand whether the position or the combined endoscopic approach is the real advantage of the described approach.

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