

Response to reviewers

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Reviewer 02519158

Good piece of work which may be interesting for all clinicians. I will recommend this article for publication after minor language polishing.

Response: Thank you very much.

Reviewer 00503175

According to me the article is well written with enough information and with adequate critical review of their results and the results of the existed literature.

Response: Thank you very much.

Reviewer 00503561

This is practically useful record. The cases are too small and the conclusion sounds subjective. It is understandable the author submitted as a case report even though they studied 10 cases retrospectively. I recommend the authors to describe the limitation of this sole experience to extend the algorithm to all the urologists and address the issues of uncertain area in the field.

Response: Thank you for your helpful comments. We totally agreed with your opinion, so we discussed this shortcoming in discussion part seriously

There were still several limitations that should be noted. First, this was a retrospective study with inherent flaws. Second, relatively few patients were included in one center. A large series in multi-center is required to support the advantages of this technique. In addition, other surgeons are needed to confirm the repeatability before widespread acceptance. Nevertheless, this type of technique is demanding compared with other kinds of techniques.