

## Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: LESS REVIEW AFTER CHANGES.doc).

**Title:** LAPAROSCOPIC SINGLE SITE SURGERY (LESS): EXPERIENCE IN THE PEDIATRIC UROLOGY

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

### Reviewer 1

**1. Sections on history, NOTES are inappropriate and hence needs to be removed.**

We do agree with reviewer and have removed the NOTES part from the review. However in order to show to the reader who is not familiar with development of the LESS technique and in order to make this invited review as comprehensive as possible we do think that the history chapter has to be preserved.

**2. A comparative photograph of the various access devices will be useful. A comparative account of them, preferably in the form of a table, may be useful.**

The photographs of the different accessible ports are present in the original version of the manuscript and well described in the equipment paragraph (page 6 )

**3. What is HLSV? It should be expanded.**

The abbreviation of HSVL is now explained ( page 13)

**4. What was the indication of hysterectomy in pediatric age group? If the hysterectomy was in an adult patient it can not be included in the series.**

The indications from hysterectomy in 1 year old DSD patient is now explained (page 13)

**5. Is it a review article or original article? If it is a review article authors experience should be removed. If it is an original article, it should be in IMRAD format and the extensive descriptions of the technique and devices should be reduced to few paragraphs.**

As I was stated before it is an invited review. We do feel that it should include an authors experience and not only to describe the literature. We do agree with the reviewer that the description of the authors experience should be limited and should be presented only in the critical aspect with the comparison to the world wide data. (Paragraph: Our experience, page 13).

### Reviewer 2

**History section should be removed. 2. What is HSLV? 3. The sections explaining devices should be shortened. 4.**

***The author's experience should be removed that this is a review article. 5. A few examples of recent literature may be included in this manuscript***

We have already addressed all queries in the replay to the reviewer 1. We have included all recent and relevant literature on pediatric population in this review.

Reviewer 3

***1. This is an interesting topic. The general part of the text not relevant to pediatric population (initial 11 pages and 22 references) should be reduced.***

As said before, in order to show the development of the LESS technique and making this invited review as comprehensive as possible we think that this kind of data has to be preserved.

***2. The number of figures could be reduced. For example, figures 1,4,6,7 could be deleted.***

Since the reviewer 1 has asked to keep these figures in the manuscript we have preserved the Figures 1-6 and have omitted Figure 7

***3. One of the future challenges for LESS could be the treatment of nephrolithiasis.***

We have now mentioned that in the paragraph of "Conclusions" page 15.

Reviewer 4

***Dear author, This is one well-documented and nice presented review on LESS experience in pediatric urology, including decent data and results. Despite the fact that total cases are still low in volume the importance of this technology in pediatric population is high and such reviews worth to be published. This manuscript has few minor grammatical errors, OPUS is mentioned twice, acronyms such as HLSV and BHLSV are not defined. Finally, perhaps a blood loss column would fit nice in the Results table***

We have already addressed all queries in the replay to the reviewers 1 and 2

We have now polished the manuscript English.

We have added the blood loss column to the Results table

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for considering publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Urology*.

Sincerely yours,

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