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Majority of literature suggested that alpha-blocker could improve ureteral stone clearance. There are some major concerns for this manuscript.

1. The study population was small
2. Analysis of the renal stone cases could be separated, because the effect of alpha blocker on renal pelvis was not clear
3. The female population analysis could be separated from male patients
4. The effect of alpha blocker on stone clearance could be analyzed by multivariate statistical methods, adjust the age, stone size and location

I have read this submission. I believe that I have an appropriate level of expertise to confirm that it is of an acceptable scientific standard, however I have significant reservations, as outlined above.