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There is no disagreement on the issues raised above. However, some clarifications would be in order. The massive size of the tumor at presentation (20 x 15 cm) precluded primary surgery. Preoperative chemotherapy for 8 weeks resulted in a >50% reduction in the size of the tumor. The surgeon attempted complete excision of the tumor, which preoperatively was found to be arising from the pelvicalyceal system of the isthmus. However, the tumor was extremely adherent to the surrounding structures and a small amount was left behind, in spite of meticulous dissection. Neither of the kidneys was involved by the tumor and hence a nephrec-

tomy was not done.

We regret the inadvertent erroneous impression conveyed in the article that lumbar spine is included in the radiation field only when isthmus is the site of affection. The full width of the lumbar spine is, indeed, included whenever radiotherapy is indicated in WT in a morphologically normal kidney.

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