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Dear Members,

Enclosed you find my revised manuscript:

Obesity is a negative predictor of success after surgery for complex anal fistula

To my knowledge, this is the first paper identifying obesity as a factor predictive of failure after surgery for anal fistulas.

I appreciated the comments of the reviewers. The manuscript has been revised.

Sections in detail are:
1. Follow-up has been précised (median follow-up, follow-up examination).
2. The role of short follow-up has been included into discussion (limitations of the study).
3. Technical details have been changed.
4. Concerns of the reviewers (e.g. formal aspects, role of diabetes, dichotomous classification of BMI) have been added and corrected.

I would be grateful if it could be accepted for publication.

With best regards
Oliver Schwandner, MD (author)