Reviewer's report

Title: Functional outcome after Perineal Stapled Prolapse Resection (PSP) for External Rectal Prolapse

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Major compulsory revisions:
- Incontinence: 21 patients with preoperative faecal incontinence.
In 12 patients the faecal incontinence is improved. In 15 patients it disappeared.
12+15=27

Minor essential revisions:
Change of Wexner score in "results" p>0.0001 and in figure 5 p>0.005

Discretionary revisions:
- No functional data after 2 months
- The recurrence rate after 6 months is explored only in 56% of the patients, therefore the conclusion to be even superior to other methods is a bit premature.
- Length of resected rectum to the lengths of prolaps would have been more interesting than weight

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'