Author's response to reviews

Title: Factors influencing the length of the incision and the operating time for total thyroidectomy: a prospective survey

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Dear Editors,

the proposed paper no. MS5898806066434715, entitled “Factors influencing the length of the incision and the operating time for total thyroidectomy: a prospective survey” has been reviewed according both the editorial and the reviewers’ suggestions.

More in particular, reviewer 2 suggested:

- Table 1 and 2 could be eliminated: the results should be described in the text → the tables were eliminated and their content have been described in the text of the materials section

- The rest of the factors are part of the logistic regression analysis and there results should be separately presented for length of incision and duration of the procedure → the former Table 1 contained details about the factors They are now partly described in Materials and have been presented with some more details also in Results section (page 6, four lines from the bottom). The new Table 1 shows the correlation coefficients for length of incision and duration of the procedure for each of the considered factors.

From the point of view of formatting, the manuscript was revised according to the journal’s structure.
A further editing check was obtained, correcting some mistakes. The orifgianl text had already been revised by an editing service, as from the attached certification.

kind regards

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