Author's response to reviews

Title: Surgical physiology of inguinal hernia repair (A STUDY OF 200 CASES)

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PDF covering letter
To,
The Editor
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Dear Sir,

I am thankful to you and the referees for going through my article in detail and giving me valuable suggestions. I have made changes accordingly and I am resubmitting my article for publication in your esteemed on line surgery journal.

Comments of the referee 1 followed by the corrective action taken:

1) Operation technique is inserted in the Methods subsection, as suggested.
2) Reference to ‘Peiper et al’ is shifted to the end of the subsection Discussion where draw back of this study is mentioned. It is as follows.
   ‘Ideally, movements of the muscles and aponeurosis or tension in the strip should have been measured objectively with some device as described by Peiper et al, Chirurg 1998;69(19),1077E81. Author could not conduct such objective study due to non-availability of such device. But the general observations with naked eye of the movements were good enough to draw the conclusions.’
3) Result subsection is rearranged in paragraphs, as suggested
4) No change suggested
5) Comment on recurrence rate is omitted from the Conclusion subsection
6) Following paragraph is added in the last as to how one can proceed to strengthen my observations in his independent study.
   ‘The drawback in this study of non availability of some device to objectively measure the changes in tensions and movements of structures may be undertaken by some other research worker in this field who has such facility. Tone in the muscle arch and the posterior wall before and after operative repair with the strip of EOA on raised intra abdominal pressure, if measured objectively with some device, will objectively prove the actual physiology.’

Comments of referee 2: No comments or suggestions are received to revise the manuscript.

I hope you find all the corrections satisfactory. Please let me know if any more corrections are required.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

Dr. Desarda MP