Author’s response to reviews

Title: Internal sphincterotomy reduces postoperative pain after Milligan Morgan haemorrhoidectomy.

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Dear Sir,

We revised our manuscript in the light of reviewers’ comments by performing the following changes:

1. Language corrections
2. Declaration of our Ethics committee approval and the compliance with Helsinki Declaration in the Methods section. Our research as reported in the manuscript, was performed with the approval on 2 may 1997 of the ethics committee "Comitato Etico del Policlinico Universitario di Palermo (CEPU)" At that time the Members of CEPU were: Prof. G.D. Bompiani Chairman; Prof A.Notarbartolo Secretary; Prof.M. Li Vecchi Member; Prof C.Di Bernardo Member; Prof A.Sparacia Member; Prof.P.Procaccianti Member; Prof. L.Rausa Member; Prof.D.La Barbera Member; M.D. D. Gullotti Member; M.D. M. Traina Member; Prof. F Carollo Member; Miss. Maria Pia Alessi "Ill Persons Rights Association" Member.
3. Explanation of the choice of permanent surgical sphincterotomy instead of a temporary medical one, in Methods section
4. Erasure of the following sentence:”The indications (third and fourth-degree haemorrhoids) and the possibility to improve results surely make the Milligan-Morgan haemorrhoidectomy a widely used, safe and efficient procedure, thus often becoming a rescue procedure after a first operation carried out with other methods. Against this background, while awaiting further data, the Milligan-Morgan open haemorrhoidectomy can still be considered the most reliable surgical method to treat haemorrhoidal diseases.”, in the Conclusion section, because we think that it do not change the content of our work although it express a part of our belief.

All authors have read the revised manuscript and agreed to its content.

With best regards

(Prof. Giuseppe Diana)