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Title: Effectiveness of preoperative pelvic floor muscle training for urinary incontinence after radical prostatectomy: a meta-analysis

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Reviewer's report

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Reviewer's report:

meta-analysis of RCT's and quasiRCT's on efficacy of pre+post operative versus only postoperative PFMT on incontinence in patients undergoing RP. overall, the authors could not demonstrate any significant superiority of addition of preoperative PFMT. well analyzed meta-analysis revealing heterogeneity of inclusion criteria and lack of consensus on the subject. no major issue. however, the manuscript must be thoroughly reviewed for English language and syntax errors.

We have thoroughly revised the English language and syntax errors with the help of one native English-speaking editor who is professional in language editing.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

   English language has been thoroughly corrected.

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests
Reviewer's report

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**Reviewer:** Antonio Luigi Pastore

**Reviewer's report:**

An important meta-analysis that evaluates all the most important RCTs on PFMT before RP. I completely agree with the study design and the choice of the eligible clinical trials (5), and the statistical analysis is performed with a high scientific level. The manuscript can be accepted for its final publication, the only recommendation is to review the references, there are some voices in capital letters and some journals that are not reported according to the classical reference way (i.e. European urology must be reported as Eur Urol).

We have revised the capital letters according to BMC urology reference style, i.e. cancer replaced by Cancer in the first reference, and “GREGORY T. BALES, GLENN S. GERBER, THOMAS X. MINOR, DEBORAH A. MHOON, JEANNE M. MCFARLAND, HYUNG L. KIM, BRENDLER CB: EFFECT OF PREOPERATIVE BIOFEEDBACK/PELVIC FLOOR TRAINING ON CONTINENCE IN MEN UNDERGOING RADICAL PROSTATECTOMY” was replaced by “Bales GT, Gerber GS, Minor TX, Mhoon DA, McFarland JM, Kim HL, Brendler CB: Effect of preoperative biofeedback/pelvic floor training on continence in men undergoing radical prostatectomy” in the reference of No. 23.

We have revised the journal style according to the classical reference way, i.e. European urology was replaced as Eur Urol.

We have modified one worry reference style for URLs, and replaced by “Higgins J, Green S: Cochrane handbook for systematic reviews of interventions version 5.1.0 The Cochrane Collaboration 2011, www.cochrane-handbook.org”, the reference number is 19.

All the revised parts have been marked in red in the reference section.

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

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