Author’s response to reviews

Title: Study of the response of the penile corporal tissue and cavernosus muscles to micturition

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Dear Dr. Robin,

Thank you for sending me the report of your reviewers. I would like to reply to the raised points and have the following comments:

**Reviewer's report:**

However, this investigation still has some scientific achievement in understanding the reaction of these tissues during micturition, e.g. sinusoid relaxation and cavernosus muscle contraction. Although these tissue interaction can be shown in this study, a "urethro-corporocavernosus reflex" is too early to be suggested. The authors should prove there are neuronal connection between the urethral muscles and these tissues before proposing a reflex in the conclusion.

**Abolishing the neural action by anaesthesia (xylocan).**

Therefore, this point-of-view should be deleted from the discussions and conclusion. **Has been deleted from discussion and conclusion.**

Authors should provide a better support for validity of presented EMG activity recorded in the cavernous tissue.

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS.**

**Reference 19 and 20**

The third paragraph of methods is a repetition of the second. Please omit repetition!

**Repetition is omitted**

3. Third line of the third paragraph of methods: â##ishiopubicâ## instead â##ishiopublicâ##.

**Changed**

Although contra intuitive, deflection below the baseline are called positive in neurophysiology (page 5, line 4 of Results).

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5. The first paragraph of discussion is a repetition of the introduction. Please omit repetition!

**Repetition is omitted**

6. Sixth line of the first paragraph of discussion: â##contractedâ## instead â##contractileâ##.

**Changed**

We would indeed like to thank your reviewers for their time and effort invested in helping us to improve the clarity and readability of our manuscript.

Sincerely,

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