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REQUESTED REVISIONS:

1. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular in the Background, Methods and Discussion sections. Basing on the highlighted sections in attached screenshots, corrections have been made. It was not a simple work, but we tried our best to make corrections. In some areas we have exchanged the words but in some areas we did not exchange because we could not get alternative words for some few words like incidence, Chi-square ($\chi^2$) test, transverse, surgical site infection, antibiotics, etc. More details are below.
When we were doing corrections, we were guided by the attached screenshots, we have rephrased several sentences. The corrections have been made to the three sections, background, methods and discussion sections.

Background section

The 1st and 2nd paragraphs

Rephrasing of the sentences has been done without changing the meaning of the sentences.

3rd paragraph

1st line, the word despite of the fact that has been changed to inspite of the fact that and the words lifesaving procedure have been changed to "is the procedure which saves life".

Methods section

Study population section, page 7, line 28 to 38.

Sentences have been rephrased. The word extramucosal has been replaced by the word seromuscular

Statistical data analysis section

Word statistical data analysis have been changed to analysis of statistical data

In this paragraph, some words have been exchanged but some have not been exchanged because we could not get alternative words, these word which have not been changed are like Statistical Package for Social Science Version 20.0 and p<0.05

Discussion section

In 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th paragraphs

Some words have been exchanged but some have remained as they were because we did not get alternative words, these words are like incidence and morbidity. Some words like prolapse, loop, transverse and surgical site infection have remained as they are because we could not get alternative words for them. Page 7, a word seromuscular has replaced the word extramucosa.
2. In the Methods section, please ensure to summarize the methods and cite the source. Please rephrase these sections to minimise overlap.

Correction has been made, we tried our best to make correction without losing the primary meaning of the sentence.

3. Please provide the ethics committee’s approval reference number in the “Ethics approval and consent to participate” section of the Declarations.

The ethics committee’s approval reference number has been added in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section of the declaration, page 17.

4. Figure files should contain only the image/graphic, as well as any associated keys/annotations. If titles/legends are present within the figure files, please remove them and provide them under a separate 'Figure Legends' heading after the References.

Correction has been made. Figure heading has been removed from figure file, it is after the references.