Author’s response to reviews

Title: Risks and complications of transurethral resection of bladder tumors in patients receiving antiplatelet and/or anticoagulant therapy: a retrospective cohort study

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Dear Editor and Reviewers

We would like to re-submit our manuscript entitled “Risks and complications of transurethral resection of bladder tumors in patients receiving antiplatelet and/or anticoagulant therapy” for consideration for publication as a Research Article in BMC Urology.

We originally submitted this article (BURO-D-17-00162) on 8th June 2017, and you recommended certain revisions. We would like to thank the Editor and Reviewers for their insightful and constructive comments, which we have addressed in our point-by-point responses below.

Reviewer #1

1. This study is on an interesting topic. However, the study contains too many limitations to be considerable for its publication. Notably, the retrospective nature of the study increased the risk of patient selection bias. The most important study limitation is the sample size that was too small to compare the results obtained in the group under antiplatelet or anticoagulant therapy (37) versus controls (137).

Response
We agree that these were limitations of the study. However, few patients undergoing TURBT at our institute take antiplatelet and/or anticoagulant agents, and it is therefore difficult to accrue a large sample size. We commented on these limitations in our original manuscript, and are currently accumulating additional data for further reports in the future.

Reviewer #2

1. Very nice and well written paper on an actual problem in urology

Response

Thank you for your positive comment.

Reviewer #3

1. Due to the aging of the population this topic is considerable; few articles concern this theme, most of them treat of transurethral resection of the prostate. Anyway the article needs some language corrections before being published, specially in the abstract.

Response

Thank you for your suggestion. The revised manuscript, including the abstract, has been edited by a native English-speaking editor from a professional editing company (Edanz Editing).

According to the comment, we changed our manuscript in the abstract section (Background section, line 1-2, page 2; Background section, line 4, page 2; results section, line 3-4 page 3; conclusions section, line 1-5, page 4)

Also according to the advice, we revised it in the text (Background section, line 1, page 4; statistical analysis section, line 1 and 3, page7; discussion section, 2nd paragraph line 12, page12; discussion section, 2nd paragraph line 2-5, page 13; acknowledgments section, line 2-4, page16).

We hereby state that this article is original and has not been submitted for publication elsewhere. All authors contributed significantly to this work, have read the manuscript, and have approved this re-submission for publication.

We thank you for considering our manuscript and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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