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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,

We would like to thank the Editor for their helpful comments and for giving us the opportunity to make additional revisions to our manuscript. We have addressed these comments in the latest revised version, and attach our point-by-point responses below. Revisions made in light of the Editor’s comments are indicated in red font in the revised manuscript.

1) Limitations of study

We have added some more comments in the limitations section of the Discussion regarding the small sample size and how it influences on our results. (Page 17, line 1–9).

2) STROBE checklist

We have reorganized our manuscript according to the STROBE guidelines. Notably, we have reordered the contents in relation to the patients’ eligibility and exclusion criteria in the Materials and Methods and Results sections. We have also changed the title and made the “study endpoints section” in the Materials and Methods (Page 8, line 9–15).

3) iThenticate
We have rephrased the sections identified in the iThenticate document, including in the Introduction and Discussion sections, as far as possible. We changed our manuscript in the abstract section (Method section, line 1-4, page 3; Results section, line 8-11).
Also according to the advice, we revised it in the text (Background section, line 9-14, page 5; Materials and Methods section, line 15-17, page 6; and line 1-10, page 7; Results section, line 12-16, page 9; discussion section, line 4-6, page 13, discussion section, line 17, page 14).  

4) Declaration section

We added the sentence “Additional informed consent was not required by the institutional review board (reference no. Rin 15-99) due to the retrospective nature of this study” in the Declarations section. (Page 18, line 6–7).

5) Table 5

Thank you for pointing this out. We have removed the age information from Table 5 as requested.