Author’s response to reviews

Title: Artificial urinary sphincter implantation: an important component of complex surgery for urinary tract reconstruction in patients with refractory urinary incontinence

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Dear Editor Maggie Rahmati and Hayley Henderson,

We have kindly revised our manuscript BURO-D-16-00036R2 based on Editor comments. The response to the comments are stated below.

We are looking forward to your kind consideration for publishing this manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

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1) Length of hospital stay:

Further to the previous comment from reviewer 2, please include a brief mention in the manuscript text (as you gave in your response) about the length of hospital stay and the reasons for it.
Response: we add the detail information and explanation for length of hospital stay in Methods section, the last sentence of Surgical Technique paragraph.

2) Additional cases:

We note that you have included additional cases in this revised manuscript. Please check the following:

- Methods, Subjects, 1st paragraph: the number (%) who had undergone prostatectomies is given as 5 (12.5%); please check if this should be 5 (15.6%).

- Results, 5th paragraph: the QoL data reported is unchanged from the original version of the manuscript, despite the addition of 2 cases; please check if there should be any change to the numerical data for this parameter.

Response: we have updated the data both in Methods and Results sections.

3) Author names and details:

Please correct the author name for Limin Liao in the submission system (currently recorded as ‘lmliao Liao’). Please also check the ORCID for this author, since the ORCID given in the submission system is linked to a different name.

Response: we have updated the author’s information.

4) Abstract:

Please ensure the latest version of the abstract is uploaded to the submission system.

Response: we have uploaded the latest version of the abstract.

5) Abbreviations:

Please ensure all abbreviations are defined at first use in the text and are then included in the list of abbreviations at the end of the main manuscript text. For example, it appears that ‘PFUI’ is first used in the text in the 5th paragraph of the Results, but it is not defined anywhere earlier in the main text.

Response: we have checked the abbreviations list.

6) Declaration section:
* Ethics approval and consent to participate:

Please provide the reference number for the ethical approval given by the committee approving the study and amend the current wording of the declaration to the following:

‘The study was approved by the Ethics Committee of China Rehabilitation Research Center [insert reference number here]. Written informed consent for participation was obtained from all participants in the study.’

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Response: we have amended the current wording of the declaration and added the reference number for Ethics approval and consent to participate.
7) Legend for Figure 1:

Please provide additional detail in the legend for figure 1 to explain what the figure is showing. For instance, please indicate what the three different sets of images are and what the white arrows represent.

Response: we have provided the additional detail in the legend for figure 1.

8) Copy-edit:

Please make the following changes where appropriate...

Response: we have made the change of wording as requested.