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,

Thanks for the detailed suggestion to our manuscript (BURO-D-16-00036R3). We have kindly revised our manuscript 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) Author names and details:

The ORCID number for author Limin Liao is linked to a different name. Please check and correct the number or remove it from the author’s profile.
Response: the ORCID number for author Limin Liao is corrected as 0000-0002-7092-6576.

2) Copy-edit:

Please make the following changes where appropriate:

* Discussion, 3rd paragraph, last 2-3 sentences:

Please check and revise this part as the meaning is not currently clear. If appropriate, consider using the wording from the legend to Table 2, for example:

‘The length of the period depends on individual conditions. If the stricture is asymptomatic or not progressive for at least 12 months and patients have acceptable post-void residual volumes (<50ml), we suggest implanting the AUS device with maintenance of the current stricture, since aggressive excision may worsen a stable urethra.’

Response: we revised this part as the editor’s suggestion by using the wording ‘The length of the period depends on individual conditions. If the stricture is asymptomatic or not progressive for at least 12 months and patients have acceptable post-void residual volumes (<50ml), we suggest implanting the AUS device with maintenance of the current stricture, since aggressive excision may worsen a stable urethra.’ in Discussion, 3rd paragraph, last 2-3 sentences.

* Discussion, 4th paragraph, 8th sentence:

Please check and revise ‘… with well device manipulating…’ as the meaning is not currently clear. For example, please clarify if the intended meaning is the following:

‘The patient had UUT function preserved with appropriate manipulation of the device (Figure 1).’

OR

‘The patient had UUT function preserved with appropriate placement of the device (Figure 1).’

Please amend to clarify the intended meaning of this sentence.

Response: we revised this part as the editor’s suggestion by using the wording ‘The patient had UUT function preserved with appropriate manipulation of the device (Figure 1).’ in Discussion, 4th paragraph, 8th sentence.