Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prostatic utricles without external genital anomalies in children: our experience, literature review, and pooling analysis

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1. Textual overlap
We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:
This overlap mainly exists in the Discussion: "Traditionally open surgical...pelvic nerve."

And

This overlap mainly exists in the Introduction: "The prostatic utricle...urogenital sinus."

While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. Please re-phrase these sections to minimise overlap.

Response: Thank you for your suggestion, we have rewritten these sections to minimise overlap.

2. Ethics approval and consent to participate
please provide a reason why verbal consent to participate was used rather than written consent and state if that was approved by your IRB in this section.
Response: Since the patients included have been discharged when the study began, verbal consent was obtained from all study participants/their parents. Meanwhile, this retrospective study was performed after approval from the institutional review board.

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Response: Accompanying images were obtained from our patients and Figure 1-4 were created by ourselves.

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Please reformat your Abstract to ensure it includes: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions--4 subsection.
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