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Title: Application of hyaluronic acid/carboxymethyl cellulose membrane for early continence after nerve-sparing robot-assisted radical prostatectomy

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nice study on use of HA/CMC membrane in RARP
however some remarks: introduction should be shorter and more concrete that HA/CMC could prevent fibrosis

MATERIALS AND METHODS instead of MATERIALs NAD METHODS page 9 line 3

please provide more information on the membrane used: how big is it, is it modifiable?
could you provide any pictures?
how can you adequately cover fascia behind anastomosis after finishing anastomosis.
is it also covering anterior anastomosis?
was there anything like rocco-stitch use?

how can you know that urethral elasticity is maintained with HA/CMC use? page 18 line 50
where is the evidence for this

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