Author’s response to reviews

Title: Recurrent apical prolapse after high uterosacral ligament suspension – in a heterogenous cohort characterised by a high prevalence of previous pelvic operations.

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Cover letter with point-by-point response to comments:

Dear Editor of BMC-Women’s Health

Thank you for this opportunity to resubmit our manuscript for publication in BMC- Women’s Health.

The manuscript has been revised according to the suggestions and corrections from the reviewers. All chances are explained below and highlighted in yellow in the revised manuscript.

Editor Comments:
1- Unfortunately we do not have POP-Q data on the patients, as it was not used in the department at this time. This limitation has been added in the discussion.

2 - Data from Figure 2 is merged in to table 1.

3 - The title has been modified.

4 - The language has been revised

5 – The main focus of the manuscript has been modified, thus focusing more on HUSLS in previously operated women.
6 - Abstract - Has been changed.

7 – Manuscript and references has been revised in order to meet the instructions.

8 - Introduction – Has been changed.

9 - Methods – has been revised and subdivided into sections. A reference is added for our surgical description.

10 - Results – paragraphs have been reorganized.

Reviewer reports:

1 - All operations were performed by two specialists in urogynaecology, where at least one of them was very experienced.

This has been added in Methods – surgical technique.

2 and 3 – Discussion - has been revised, including reflections about the role of HUSLS for apical prolapse after previous hysterectomy.

4 - Unfortunately we do not have data on how many of the patients, with stage 2 prolapse, presented prolapse beyond the hymen, as it is not noted in the charts. However only symptomatic patients where offered surgery, and usually patients are only symptomatic when POP is beyond the level of the hymen or outside the vagina. It is added under limitations.

5 – Concomitant procedures has been added in table 1.