Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editors,

We are submitting our revised manuscript, “Application time for postoperative wound dressing following breast augmentation with implants: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial”, to be considered for publication in Trials.

We are grateful to the reviewer for his suggestions to the improvement of our manuscript.

Following we answer, point-by-point, the reviewer's comments.

1. The authors should clarify if a sterile tape is used to cover the Nipple Areola Complex before inframammary fold incision. Bacterial contamination from breast and areolar tissues is very common in breast surgery. Thus, this clarification would improve the quality of the manuscript by adding strength to the methods proposed.
   - As it is not a routine procedure in our hospital, it was not used. But by this time we added this information to page 7.

2. In the exclusion criteria, the need for emperiareolar, circumareolar or axillary access should be mentioned.
   - This was done, thank you (page 6).

3. In the discussion, the same concept should be elucidated, comparing the different reported rates of SSI associated with all the possible surgical accesses.
   - We tried to discuss it on page 11, and we added some references on this topic.

Sincerely,

Daniela F. Veiga