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RE: Revised manuscript (19510)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your thorough review of our paper and for the comments that were made. In light of the suggested alternations I have made some revisions to the content of the paper. The revisions that have been made have been highlighted in the document and are also outlined below.

1. Conflict of interest statement – remains the same in keeping with the description of what is required. However a signed statement has been uploaded.
2. Addition of a core tip to the manuscript
3. Audio core tip - unfortunately I was not able to offer an audio core tip as I do not have the facilities or resources to achieve this aim.
4. Modification suggested by reviewer 00742244 – damage to the pelvic nerves and how they can affect the functionality of the anorectum. A new subheading entitled 'Impaired Anorectal Functionality' has been incorporated (page 9).
5. Modification suggested by reviewer 00505458 – statement about risk versus benefit ratio incorporated into the conclusion

Should you require any further information or would like me to make further modifications to this manuscript please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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