

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 13106-edited.doc).

Title: An update summarising the conclusions of the International Consultation on Male LUTS

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated including references

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) Core tip has been added

(2) **Reviewer** 00467918:

This is a review on the conclusions drawn by an international consultation in LUTS. In the introduction section additional information should be provided explaining what is this text about (a review of authors, a review of a review done by the consultation etc). Within this paragraph authors need to provide more information regarding the International consultation (organizer, participants etc) and maybe a reference for somebody to be able to examine it in more details (URL of congress site?). Time when the consultation was organized is also important to be mentioned. Authors review only 4 out of 8 themes discussed in the consultation. Thus authors need to explain why they decided to review only 4 out of them. **Thank you this has been included.**

A conclusion paragraph should also be included. Tables including the majority of suggestions by the consultation should be included after each subject to summarize the outcomes of consultation. **Thank you this has been included.**

In epidemiology paragraph, text regarding reference 5 is wrong. Authors report that "Prevalence estimates for an elevated IPSS score above eight range from 16 to 52%. A pooled analysis of 126 studies has shown an increase in prevalence with age from 21% to 32% for elderly men [5]". Authors use a systematic review on urinary incontinence studies [reference 5] and confuse elevated IPSS score with UI (as the reported increase refers to UI in reference 5 and not to IPSS score). **Thank you this was reported in the next sentence but we have clarified it so it is clear now.**

(3) **Reviewer** 00468558

The paper is clear, well written and concise. It summarizes expert panel opinion and international guidelines. It is therefore of extreme interest for the urological community. It would be even more interesting if Authors discussed a little bit more about behavioral and surgical treatment options beyond medical therapy.

Thank you, we agree it would be very interesting but we were limited by the word count for the article and so we could only choose 4 out of the 8 consultations on male LUTS. Surgical treatments would increase the word limit by another 20-30%.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of clinical urology*

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