

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editors:

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (ESPS Manuscript NO: 13647).

Title: Value of Preoperative MRI for Prostate Cancer Staging and Continence Outcomes Prior to Prostatectomy: A Review of the Literature

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers as detailed below. Please also note that we have added the articles referenced only in the tables, and these are now noted in the list of references, 30-38.

1) For the biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer, only one study was briefly mentioned. Were there any other published studies on this topic? What are the authors' suggestions and perspectives for future studies in this area?

Response: Future study is needed to further identify the value of preoperative MRI for guiding surgical decision making and evaluating the impact on patient outcomes.

2) Many spelling mistakes. I would omit discussion on biochemical recurrence and also continence data and confine discussion to pre-op prediction of extracapsular or seminal vesicle spread.

Response: The section on biochemical recurrence was cut due to lack of substance; however, we feel that the discussion on postoperative continence is an important topic regarding the use of preoperative MRI.

3) The authors could clarify the key words as well as the number of articles and/or abstracts that were studied (a relevant chart would be useful).

Response: We have included in the Abstract the keywords used in the literature searches using PubMed and our criteria for selecting papers for review (see highlighted text). We did not keep a record of the number of articles searched.

4) Authors could clarify which search engines did they use, how many articles searched, keywords used for search, how many articles did they select, exclusion criteria etc.

Response: See above response to Reviewer 3. As noted in the Abstract, PubMed was searched. We have added the search terms used.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Urology*

Sincerely yours,

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