

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the reviewers' comments.

We have amended accordingly.

Reviewer 742221.

We have mentioned in the abstract that obstetric fistulas mainly occur in sub-Saharan Africa...

We did not mention that fistulas are common but that "obstetric fistula is the most common cause of ..... fistula".

Reviewer 742116.

We were unable to view all the "comments to authors" by the reviewer as it appear to cut off at the end of the page.

Please find below our comments to this reviewer's comments.

Abstract: we have changed accordingly

Core tip: the content of the core tip is mentioned in the manuscript

- Residual urinary incontinence (see page 5 'urinary incontinence following successful closure of obstetric genito-urinary fistula' first paragraph)
- Site of fistula and risk of ongoing urinary incontinence (see page 6 'urinary incontinence following successful closure of obstetric genito-urinary fistula' second paragraph)
- Sling complications (see page 9 'management of post-fistula urinary incontinence' paragraph 3)
- Other causes of urinary incontinence (see page 7 'urinary incontinence following successful closure of obstetric genito-urinary fistula' first paragraph); see pages 7 & 8 'management of post-fistula urinary incontinence').

Introduction: this has been amended.

Obstetric fistula – demographics: this has been amended.

Complications following obstetric fistula – this has been amended.

Urinary incontinence: this has been amended.

Management of post-fistula urinary incontinence

- Conservative management was commented in the original manuscript but we have amended it to make it more clear (see pages 7 & 8)

Yours sincerely,

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