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We thank the reviewers for their careful analysis and the comments of appreciation.

Revisor 00631847

It is a well written manuscript concerning the outcome of nerve preserving procedure in laparoscopic sacropexy focusing on the outcome of bowel function. It is very helpful for the readers. The paper should be published.

Revisor 03647717

Re: Nerve preserving versus standard laparoscopic sacropexy: postoperative bowel function Dear sir, thank you very much for your effort to describe the manuscript about the clinical efficacy of Nerve preserving laparoscopic sacropexy. I think it is a meaningful article in terms of the study for the treatment of apical prolapse. The limitation of this study is retrospective, however, I think this manuscript is well done and I have nothing to change.

Revisor 03069247

Thanks for the authors, a well written paper

We thank the reviewer for their careful analysis and the constructive observations. We have done our best to reply, point by point (revisions have been highlighted in green in the updated vision):

Revisor 03658410

Authors aimed to compare their developed nerve preserving technique with the non-nerve preserving one in terms of de novo bowel symptoms. They suggested that their nerve preserving technique seems superior in terms of prevention of de novo bowel dysfunction compared to the standard one and had no major intraoperative complications.

Comments:

1. Please report on patients quality of life indices after operation.
2. Please report on any case that needed re-operation or switch form one technique to the other, and the reasons for this switch.

Response:

This has been done, as requested, in the Results section (see lines 295-296; lines 311-313).

Comment:

3. Please decrease discussion by half and please discuss in a short paragraph the learning curve of this technique.

Response:

I have tried to lighten the discussion, according your advice (See deleted periods at line 347, 348, 354, 356, 360, 366, 399)

I have added a note on the learning curve for time (see line 423-424)

Comment:

4. Please amend references to the journal style.

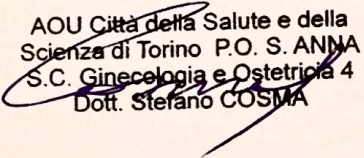
Response:

I have updated the format of all the references, according to the format for references guidelines.

Thank you for considering our work for publication in the *World Journal of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*

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