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Title: Biological mesh reconstruction of the pelvic floor following abdominoperineal excision for cancer: a review

Dear Editor, Dear Reviewers,

We kindly want to thank you for reviewing our manuscript NO: 33091 titled: "Biological mesh reconstruction of the pelvic floor following abdominoperineal excision for cancer: a review" submitted to World Journal of Clinical Oncology.

The revisions made are highlighted in yellow. We applied the editor's suggestions to the manuscript as proposed.

Dear Reviewer 02438768 we followed your suggestion to reduce the number of keywords by two, removing "Radiotherapy" and "Perineal wound healing" from the list. For revision of English please refer to the mention below.

Dear Reviewer 0068723 we added a paragraph on the different biological meshes used in the studies, their origin (xenogenic vs allogenic), components and the different companies producing the products in order to help interested surgeons choose and obtain the desired mesh, as you kindly suggested. For revision of English please refer to the mention below.

Both reviewers suggested minor language polishing of the manuscript. Marta Penna, our native English author, made corrections and adapted the language of the manuscript.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'B' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr Boris Schiltz MD