

## Authors response

Dear Editors and reviewers,

We very appreciate for your effort to review our paper and also give us many kind advices. We have revised our paper based on these comments and have the language polishing by a native English speaker. We did our best to make the paper more acceptable, and we are looking forward to hear from you soon.

Best wishes and happy new year,

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01800952 Conclusion: Major revision

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Authors claim to have devised a novel procedure to treat hydrocele. Concept is simple based on volume of fluid in the scrotal cavity as determined by ultrasound and predetermined amount of scrotal sheet is resected to avoid recurrence. Problem lies that authors claim it a novel procedure and as such should be compared with a procedure which is a Gold Standard for hydrocele. In this study it is not done and so we do not know the validity and significance of findings like time taken, results, recurrence etc. Authors can go ahead and compare the results with their previous 54 patients who underwent a standard procedure. Short of that results cannot be commented upon. However, if authors want to popularize this procedure by others, a short communication is worth then.

Authors reply: Many thanks for your reviewing our paper and giving us kind advice. Indeed, we totally agree with you the results and conclusions would be more convictive if this study was designed as comparison of our present procedure with the Gold Standard for hydrocele. In fact, we now doing this comparison since 2018, but the patients included remain small number and the time of follow-up is short. We will complete the comparison study in the next five years and then the new data will be published. However, right now, much to our regret,

and we would much appreciate for your understanding that we could not supply the data of comparison of our present procedure with the Gold Standard for this study. Additionally, our paper had been revised by a native English speaker to have language polishing.

02520738 Conclusion: Major revision

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

To: Editorial Board World Journal of Clinical Cases Title: "Individualized minimally invasive treatment for adult testicular hydrocele: A pilot study" Dear Editor, I read this manuscript and I think that: -Please discuss the role of care manager in such a context. Please consider and discuss the paper from Ciccone MM et al. Vasc Health Risk Manag. 2010 May 6;6:297-305. -

Authors reply: Many thanks for your reviewing our paper and giving us kind advice. We had added this paper as a reference, and we had added some sentences to discuss the role of care manager in the revised paper.

The small sample size is a limitation of the study design. This should be discussed in a dedicated limitation section. -

Authors reply: Many thanks for your kind advice, we added several sentences about the limitation.

A post-hoc sample size calculation should be provided. -A multivariate regression analysis should be performed in order to evaluate the role of confounding factors on final results.

Authors reply: Great thanks for your kind advice, as a pilot retrospective study with a small sample size, we just want to report an alternative treatment for adult testicular hydrocele with these limited experiences. In further, in fact since 2018, we have designed a clinical comparison study for our present procedure with the current Gold Standard treatment for hydrocele. however, the patients have been included remain a small number and the time of follow-up is very short. The new data will be published since we complete this comparison study in the next years and then the results and conclusions would be more convictive. Much to our regret, and we would not could not supply more data to perform further analysis with these limited sample size. We will very appreciate if we have your understanding. Additionally, our paper had been revised by a native English speaker to have language polishing.