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It is with excitement that I resubmit to you a revised version of manuscript number 22231, Impact of Body Mass Index on Radical Cystectomy Outcomes for the *World Journal of Clinical Urology*. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to revise and resubmit this manuscript. I appreciate the time and detail provided by each reviewer and by you and have incorporated the suggested changes into the manuscript to the best of my ability. The changes are highlighted in the manuscript as suggested. The manuscript has certainly benefited from these insightful revision suggestions.

I have responded specifically to each suggestion below.

Of note, I have changed my title to Perioperative Outcomes and Survival of Radical Cystectomy as a Function of Body Mass Index to represent a more original title according to my Google Scholar title search. I have included screen shots of my iThenticate review as well as Google Scholar. I have cited additional statements based on my iThenticate review.

Reviewer 1 (code: 00733185):
Comments to the Author

Dear Authors, I reviewed the article "Impact of body mass index on radical cystectomy outcomes". This study is the first and most extensive study. The presented article is well written and can contribute to current data. I think this report is acceptable.

I wish to sincerely thank you for taking the time to read and review this manuscript. While there are other studies examining similar issues, I agree that this is the most current, large numbered study. I am excited to provide insight into a previously unstudied group (underweight) regarding how they do after radical cystectomy. Thank you for your comments.

Reviewer 2 (code: 01076129):
Comments to the Author

The paper describes the relationship between preoperative BMI and long-term outcome. The results are very interesting, showing a substantially decreased overall survival in the underweight group. What were the causes of death? Separate analysis of cancer-specific survival would improve the manuscript. Unfortunately, the authors have submitted a manuscript that is not yet completely edited. The reference list is lacking and there are still comments and corrections in the word document. Minor comment: On page 5, paragraph 3, the unit for albumin is missing.

I wish to sincerely thank you for taking the time to read and review this manuscript. Your comments have greatly enhanced this study. I will address them each, by number, below.

1. disease specific survival has been updated and highlighted in the manuscript. Briefly, it showed that disease specific survival was significantly decreased in the underweight population when compared with the obese group. Specifically, 5 out of 9 underweight patients died of bladder cancer. The remaining 4 patients had unknown causes of death. It follows that most of the patients in this group died from their bladder cancer. I have provided a Kaplan Meier curve showing this information as well as a log rank test showing the p values for the differences between these groups.
2. I apologize for the missing reference section. I inadvertently uploaded a copy where it wasn't attached. I also apologize for the incompleteness of personal editing on the part of the authors. Thank you for understanding and reviewing the paper despite this. The references have been attached for viewing. I have attempted to edit to your approval.
3. The unit for albumin has been updated and highlighted in the manuscript. Thank you for pointing this out.

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