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Review Comments

Reviewer A:

These techniques and videos should be put into perspective with existing autologous repair techniques: Richter sacrospinofixation, fascial slings, etc.

Are there any comparative studies with these techniques? What are the results ?

Reply: Thank you. The results were compared with a major study comprising 960 women and 3100 implants applied for cystocele, uterine/apical prolapse, and known results for midurethral slings.

Reviewer B:

I thank the authors for their contribution.

The technique used is clearly similar to the use of kits. It would be interesting to have a comparison between patients treated with artisan tape and anchor kits. Certainly the improvement in post-operative symptoms is clear, although the small number of patients does not represent a significant sample.

Certainly interesting is the lower cost of artisan tape compared to kit.

The authors should rewrite the manuscript way to increase the visual comprehension of the paragraphs.

Reply: Thank you. This has been done.

The paragraphs of Helsinki declaration or ethic committee acceptance miss.

Reply: We reviewed papers where EC, Helsinki etc were quoted.

The authors should also provide the demographic parameters of the test population (age, weight, previous pregnancies, smoking, concomitant diseases).

Reply: Again, this is not a paper from original data. The aim was to present the tension-free artisan tape method.

Any complications occurred?

Reply: We quote 4% for the TOT paper.

Why only 8 patients have been followed up?

Reply: This was explained in the original paper. It was from Venezuela. The crashing economy resulted in only 15 women having 30 POP operations. 8/15 were contactable at 3 years.

Was the surgery performed by an expert surgeon? because of the need of skills to dissect bladder avoiding lesions?

Reply: Yes

Is the sample size increasable?

Reply: Yes, dramatically. 93 TOT cases were added immediately prior to publication.