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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 7 May 2018

Dear AE,
I read the above-mentioned manuscript highly interested. I think it can be published after a few revisions:
1. Describe more and analyze your surgical findings.
2. Explain your intervention with more details.
3. Discussion section should be more descriptive and comperehensive.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) — 7 May 2018

Dear EIC,
The authors should revise the manuscript as reviewers wished.
Thanks.

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Dear Author,

It requires a major revision as the reviewers recommend.

Thanks.

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

Answer to reviewer 1:

1 - Q: Describe more and analyze your surgical findings

R: All patients in surgical group varcocelectomized sub-inguinaly by microscope (77 – 82 lines), and in this group 10 patients excluded from study for surgical complications and recurrences (160 – 162 lines).

2 - Q: Explain your intervention with more details

R: in varicocelectomy group as mentioned above varicocelectomy was done (77 – 82 lines), and in second stage in both groups (surgical and control), real and sham acupuncture was done (84 -95 lines).

3 - Q: Discussion section should be more descriptive and comperehensive.

R: Discussion section detailed more as dear reviewer's comments (215 - 17 , 229 -30,234-36,238 – 245)

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REFEREE: EIC | **Revision (1)** 17 Sep 2018

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.