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| EDITORIAL COMMENT'S on revised paper <b>(if any)</b>   | Authors' response to editor's comments  |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Author's need to include the details about statistical method used and statistical significance between the compared groups.</li> <li>2. Author's need to include the institutional ethics committee (IEC) or institutional review board (IRB) approval details in the manuscript.</li> <li>3. Author's need to mention the informed consent details obtained before commencement of the surgeries and for the use of the pictures of the patients from the parents or guardians.</li> <li>4. All the figures need to be organized in same size.</li> <li>5. Author's need to include the necessary details and correct the grammar as per the comments of all reviewers.</li> </ol> | <p><b>1- Statistical analysis:</b><br/> <b>Data were fed to the computer and analyzed using IBM SPSS software package version 20.0. Qualitative data were described using number and percent. The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test was used to verify the normality of distribution Quantitative data were described using range (minimum and maximum), mean, standard deviation and median. Significance of the obtained results was judged at the 5% level.</b></p> <p><b>The used tests were:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 - Chi-square test<br/>For categorical variables, to compare between different groups.</li> <li>2 - Fisher's Exact or Monte Carlo correction<br/>Correction for chi-square when more than 20% of the cells have expected count less than 5.</li> <li>3 - Student t-test<br/>For parametrically distributed quantitative variables, to compare between two studied groups.</li> <li>4 - Mann Whitney test<br/>For non-parametrically distributed quantitative variables, to compare between two studied groups.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The numerical data were expressed as mean ± SD.</li> </ul> <p><b>2- This study was approved after the review by the research ethics committee in Tanta university (ethical committee approval number 32487/07/18)and written consent was taken from the patients' caregivers.</b></p> <p><b>3- An informed consent wasobtained from the parents or the guardians of the children in this research including declaration of the surgical technique details that will be held in two stages with using buccal mucosal or preputial graft in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage and graft tubularization will be held 6 months later. Also, the buccal mucosal graft harvesting technique and all complications were discussed with the patients' guardians. Any unexpected risks appearing during the research were cleared to the participants and the ethical committee like</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Postoperative wound infection</li> <li>○ Fistula after hypospadias repair</li> <li>○ Failure of repair and need for redo surgery.</li> </ul> |