

Review of: "A Study to Assess the Effectiveness of Pelvic Floor Muscle Strengthening Exercises on Erectile Dysfunction in Rectal Cancer Survivors at Tertiary Cancer Hospital, TMH, Mumbai"

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Though the topic of the study of interest to the scientific community, the article is not according to standard scientific methodology.

1. The results section of the abstract describes methodology and the statements regarding number of participants are being repeated too often. Hence kindly rewrite the abstract.
2. The introduction should address the role of pelvic floor in erection and how a rectal cancer surgery affects the pelvic floor adversely. It should also shed light on the authors' hypothesis as to how the intervention addresses the research question. Instead it contains redundant details which don't address these issues. Kindly rewrite it.
3. Where are the methods and results section? The authors have clubbed the two and there are no appropriate section headings.
4. Tables should not be repeated in text. Unfortunately all the tables are repeated in texts making many redundant paragraphs.
5. Discussion is meant to compare the results of the study with existing literature and not to provide redundant result findings. Kindly rewrite discussion.
6. The strengths and limitations of the study are not addressed.
7. Why SHIM was used and not IIEF?
8. Who measured reaction clinically? Or only self reported erection function was assessed?
9. Why another section on bibliography when references section already exists?

Overall, a poorly written manuscript on an important topic and needs rewriting of the article rather than revision.