



Comparison between single-port robotic radical prostatectomy and multiport robotic radical prostatectomy: reply letter

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We would like to thank Wu *et al.* (1) for their comments on our research: “Efficacy and safety of single-port robotic radical prostatectomy and multiport robotic radical prostatectomy: a systematic review and meta-analysis” (2).

The reviewers (Wu *et al.*) said that we stated that after excluding the study by Moschovas *et al.* (3) in *Fig. 8*, the blood loss between the single-port robotic radical prostatectomy (SP) and multiport robotic radical prostatectomy (MP) groups changed from statistical difference ($Z=2.37$, $P=0.02$) to no statistical difference ($Z=1.59$, $P=0.11$). Our results were easily influenced by this study. According to the sensitivity analysis theory, we simply compared the I^2 changes before and after the removal of Moschovas *et al.*’s research.

Secondly, the reviewers said that we reported that there was no significant heterogeneity observed in *Fig. 7* before and after the removal of Moschovas *et al.* (3). Moschovas *et al.*’ study was not the source of the heterogeneity. We attempted to identify the research that was influencing the I^2 value to the greatest extent to test the sensitivity. We found that even the most obvious influencing research only slightly altered the I^2 value, and the other included literature has less impact on the results than Moschovas *et al.*’s study. In this way, the robustness of the analysis was guaranteed.

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