Letter to the Editor

A reply letter for comparison of single-port and multi-port robotic radical prostatectomy: who is the winner?

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

The reviewers (Wei *et al.*) said that we stated that a total of seven comparative studies involving 1,711 patients were included in our study, but three of the studies were from the same medical center, which indicates that there is a high possibility of data duplication (3-5). In this situation, we should clearly indicate that the counting of the included population was 1,711 instead of population.

Secondly, the reviewers said that we claimed that the seven included studies were all randomized controlled trials, but a closer reading of the original text revealed that most of the studies were retrospectively designed. After a careful screening of the included literature, we should correct this statement and specify whether the included articles were randomized controlled trials or retrospective studies.

Thirdly, they suggested that we conduct a subgroups analysis based on the robot manufacturer. This is a constructive advice, and we could perform a subgroup analysis in the next study.

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