Correlation of ulcerative colitis (UC) and colorectalcancer (CRC): a systematic review and meta-analysis

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We thank Dr. Wu *et al.* for his comments on our narrative review on the selection of effect model and effect size in a meta-analysis published in *Journal of Gastrointestinal Oncology* (1). Meta-analysis statistical methods include OR, RR, MD, and SMD, and only one of which is listed in the article. Moreover, it can be obtained from the calculation formula of OR and RR that when the incidence of the research outcome is relatively low, the OR value is close to the RR value, and the RR and OR can be interchanged (2,3). In the statistical analysis method, the article only describes the OR method among the common analysis methods, and does not describe the other statistical methods in detail.

Fixed-effects model analysis in meta-analysis is simpler, only the variability in effect size driven by sampling error needs to be estimated during the analysis (4). There is no prior belief in study-level variability, so systematic variability is taken into account. The zero value of the sample of equal effect sizes was not rejected, so a fixed-effects model was used (5).

Among the 11 included articles, we removed one article that did not compound the requirement through sensitivity analysis. Due to the lengthy process of excluding articles, we did not list the whole process of sensitivity analysis in the article, so we only listed the analysis results of 10 articles at the end.

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Footnote

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