Author's response to reviews

Title: Transversus abdominis-plane block versus local anesthetic wound infiltration in lower abdominal surgery: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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Thank you for your letter and the reviewers’ comments concerning our manuscript entitled “Transversus Abdominis Plane Block or Local Anesthetic Infiltration? A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials” (MS: 5874865781248411). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our researches. The main changes are: 1. Add wound infiltration and systematic review in the title; 2. Add single shot and replace long-term by long lasting in the whole article; 3. Add studies involving preperitoneal injection were excluded in the Exclusion criteria; 4. Add reduces the requirements for postoperative morphine and associated side effects as compared to LAI in the conclusion. Below is the point-by-point response. We would be grateful if you would consider our manuscript for publication. And please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any more questions. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Reviewer's report

Title: state local anesthetic wound infiltration?
Title: add systematic review and meta-analysis

Reply: Already corrected in the revised manuscript.

Abstract: add single shot for each technique
Abstract: replace long term effects by long lasting (also elsewhere in the article)

Background

P4, L66: add single shot

P4, L68: add a sentence indicating that studies involving preperitoneal injection were excluded.

Reply: Already corrected in the revised manuscript.

Conclusion, P11, L245: add reduces the requirements for postoperative morphine and associated side effects as compared to LAI.

Reply: Already corrected in the revised manuscript.

References: please use international abbreviations of Journal titles.

Reply: Already corrected in the revised manuscript.

Appendix: why are funnel plots not available?

Reply: funnel plots are in the additional file 1.