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Dear Editor

Thank you for your thoroughly reviewing our manuscript (BURO-D-18-00315) entitled “Effect of prostate gland weight on the surgical and oncological outcomes of extraperitoneal robot-assisted radical prostatectomy” Also, we are grateful to the editors and reviewers for their time and constructive comments on our manuscript. Our manuscript has been carefully revised according to the reviewers’ comments. Please find our responses to the reviewers’ comments beginning on below.

We hope that our revised paper is acceptable for publication in BMC Urology, and we look forward to receiving your final decision.

Thanks, again.

Sincerely,

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All procedures performed in this study were in accordance with the Declaration of the Helsinki and approved by the institutional review board of Yonsei University Health System (YUHS 4-2018-0555).

Informed consent from the participants was waived by the institutional review board as the current study satisfied all of the following requirements for the waiver of informed consent. The research involved no more than minimal risk to the participants (retrospective data analysis of previously collected medical record).

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