Author’s response to reviews

Title: The Application of Barbed Suture during the Partial Nephrectomy May Modify Perioperative Results: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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- Data Extraction and Outcome Measures;
- Methodological Quality Assessment;
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- Methods: Data Synthesis and Analysis

While we understand that this includes work that you have previously published, and some of the same ideas are contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work.

• Response: Thank you for your kindly suggestions and we really appreciate your understanding. We rewrote every part of what you noted about the textual overlap. Actually, we initiated these three papers almost the same time (the searching strategies were same), but in the previous studies, we only included RCTs. This paper only focused on one kind of surgery (partial nephrectomy), so we included all the observational studies. And we believe this may be more valuable to focus on one kind of surgery.

Thanks again for your understanding!

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• Response: Thank you for your comments. We have modified our manuscript. We replace the “Table 3” in definition of methods to ” for instance, CKD-Epi and RENAL nephrometry score system”, double checked all the tables. They are all text in sequence using Arabic numerals.

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