Pelvic dimensions as a predictor of difficulty in laparoscopic surgery for rectal cancer

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The authors thank Dr Akiyoshi and colleagues for their comments and apologize for any misrepresentation of their research in our article. This was not intentional. A submission has been made to the publishers to clarify this by way of a corrigendum.

Regarding the aforementioned article and recent question raised by Dr Akiyoshi and colleagues, I have reviewed the article and want to apologize for accidentally misrepresenting the results of their work as referenced. Please accept the following alterations to the article as corrigenda. The page and paragraph numbers relate to the initial online publication dated May 2010:

Page 1, Paragraph 5, line 3: Removal of reference no. 4 from the list after "... prostatectomy"

Page 1, Paragraph 6, line 8: Substitution of "narrower" for the word "larger"

Page 4, Paragraph 3, line 3: Substitution of "is in contrast to" for the word "corroborates"

Page 4, Paragraph 3, line 4: Substitution of "narrower" for the word "larger"

The authors stand by the remainder of the article. I apologize for the inconvenience.

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