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**Reply: lymph stasis promotes tumor growth**

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Our study suggested that surgical damage of the lymphatic system promotes tumor progression via impaired immune response [1]. However, as pointed out by Valerio et al, lymph stasis is likely to induce immune stasis, resulting in not only enhanced tumor growth but also tumor generation [2, 3]. In addition, bacterial infections often develop in the lymphedematous lesion, which would be mainly caused by immune

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