Ma Responds: The problem with $\sin^2\theta_W$ for any low-energy manifestation of left-right symmetry with regard to grand unification is well known.[1] However, in superstring-inspired models, flux breaking of the gauge symmetry occurs at the Planck scale. This means that the usual constraint of perturbative unification may not hold; and even if it holds, it is subject to loop corrections.[2] With such incomplete understanding of the physics at the Planck scale, one should not rely on the value of $\sin^2\theta_W$ as determined in the usual way.

The mass relationship of Eq. (1) in Russo and Wagner[3] holds only if there is just one set of vacuum expectation values for u, d, etc. This is again a well-known problem for any left-right supersymmetric model. The equally well-known remedy is to have two or more sets of E_0's. Acceptable phenomenology for the model of Ma[4] is easily obtained.

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