Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editors,

We read the constructive comments to article entitled “Systematic review and meta-analysis on the adverse events of rimonabant treatment. Considerations for its potential use in hepatology” (MS 1138487882852368). The comments were important to improve the quality of the manuscript. The changes we introduced to address each comment are as follows:

Comment: “In the introduction section, page 4, it would be important to cite the previous reference about the meta-analysis of data from Rimonabant In Obesity (RIO) trials. I also suggest to place in the background section some other references about safety of rimonabant: 1-The Lancet, Volume 370, Issue 9600, Pages 1706 - 1713, 17 November 200; and Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2006;(4):CD006162.”

Answer: Thank you for pointing the lack of these important references which have been both included in revised version of the manuscript.

Comment: “In the results section, I would suggest to introduce in Table 1 a new column showing the readers the studies that belong to the Rio-trials”.

Answer: In the revised version of Table 1 an asterisk indicates those study part of the RIO study.

Comment: “A flow chart of the search strategy and selection of trial may be very helpful for the readers”

Answer: The flow chart was include and named figure 1.

Comment: “I would find interesting to show the readers (if possible) the clinical/ psychiatric profile of patients who experienced the rimonabant side effects”

Answer: Unfortunately we do not have access to detailed data about the specific characteristics of the patients.

We appreciate the effort of the editors and reviewers to improve our manuscript and we believe the revised version may be acceptable for publication in BMC Gastroenterology.