Author's response to reviews

Title: Initial partial response and stable disease according to RECIST indicate similar survival for chemotherapeutical patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer

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Dear editor,
Thank you very much for giving us some constructive advice on the manuscript entitled “initial partial response and stable disease according to RECIST indicate similar survival for chemotherapeutical patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer”. Your advice is very helpful to researches in this field. Here we address your concerns point-by-point.

Response to editor:
Editorial request:
Ethics-Experimental research that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration, and any experimental research on animals must follow internationally recognized guidelines. A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate.
Response to editor:
Our research completely complies with the Helsinki Declaration, and has been approved by the medical ethics committee of the First Hospital of China Medical University (No. 200715), we had revised it in the first revision according to your request. This time we underline it in the Patient Selection in the Methods section of the manuscript.

Response to Dr. Takehito Shukuya:
Comments and answers:
The authors revised their manuscript according to my comments and added the analysis of overall survival. I can judge this manuscript as an article of importance. However, although the authors described that the RECIST was revised in 2009, the authors should also describe that the authors used RECIST ver. 1.1 in methods section.
Answer: Upon your request, we mention that we have used RECIST ver.1.1 in the methods section, which is underlined in methods section of our manuscript.
Thank you very much for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely yours
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