Author's response to reviews

Title: Effect and safety of dual anti-human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 therapy compared to monotherapy in patients with human epidermal growth factor receptor 2-positive breast cancer: A systematic review

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Dear editor,

Thanks for your kind reply, and thanks for the reviewers' beneficial comments. We had revised the manuscript according to the reviewers’ comments and the point to point response is enclosed to this file. The reply was noted in blue.

Q1: Line 195: Subgroup analyses were performed to determine whether the type of NEOADJUVANT chemotherapy influenced the efficacy of dual anti-HER2 therapy.

R1: We appreciate the positive feedback. And we had followed your advice and changed “the type of chemotherapy” into “the type of neoadjuvant chemotherapy”.

Q2: Abstract Results: In the neoadjuvant setting, the pooled pCR rate in the dual anti-HER2 therapy and monotherapy groups IN COMBINATION WITH CHEMOTHERAPY....

R2: Thanks for your advice. We had changed this sentence into “In the neoadjuvant setting, the pooled pCR rate in the dual anti-HER2 therapy and monotherapy groups in combination with chemotherapy was 54.8% and 36%, respectively.”.

Q3: Abstract Conclusions: This systematic review provides a (delete: COMPREHENSIVE) summary of all the data currently available, and confirms the benefits and risks of dual anti-HER2 therapy for HER2-positive breast cancer.

R3: Thanks for your suggestions. We had deleted the word “COMPREHENSIVE” in this sentence.

Q4: Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style (http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/medicine_journals ). It is important that your files are correctly formatted.

R4: we have checked the manuscript format according to the checklist and make sure it conforms to the journal style.