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Title: Comparison of analgesic effect of oxycodone and morphine on patients with moderate and advanced cancer pain: a meta-analysis

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Response: We have substantially revised the manuscript and re-phrased the overlapped sections.

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Response: We have provided all co-authors’ email addresses in the title page.

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Response: Revised accordingly.

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Response: A list of abbreviations was added.

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Response: Revised accordingly.