Author’s response to reviews

Title: Cardiac valve calcification and risk of cardiovascular or all-cause mortality in dialysis patients: A meta-analysis

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Mohan Palla (Reviewer 1):

The weighted outcome measure P-value should be reported when we are taking about the outcome measure. We should not report the heterogeneity P-value while taking about the outcome measure with confidence interval.

Reply: We have deleted the heterogeneity P-value. Instead, we added the P value of weighted outcome in the manuscript highlighted.

Emmanuel Akintoye (Reviewer 2):

I recommend rephrasing the following statements:

1) "Besides, the number of physicians analyzing echocardiographic recordings may be a source for the heterogeneity (P=x.xxx)"

Instead, you can say: "Besides, the number of physicians analyzing echocardiographic recordings may be a source for the heterogeneity although this did not reach statistical significance (P=x.xxx)"

Reply: Thank you for your kind suggestions. We have revised the manuscript according to your suggestion.

2) For the analysis of cardiovascular mortality, Meta-regression analysis revealed that region may be a source for the inter-study heterogeneity (P=0.064)
Instead, you can say: "For the analysis of cardiovascular mortality, Meta-regression analysis suggest that region may be a source for the inter-study heterogeneity although this did not reach statistical significance (P=0.064)"

Reply: Thank you for your kind suggestions. We have revised the manuscript according to your suggestion.