Author’s response to reviews

Title: Efficacy and Safety of HER2 Inhibitors in Combination With or Without Pertuzumab for HER2-Positive Breast Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Dear editor,

We are very grateful for your kind letter dated on Aug 27, 2019. Thank you very much for taking time to review the manuscript again and giving us an opportunity to publish our paper in BMC cancer, and we appreciate you for these comments on our manuscript entitled “Efficacy and Safety of HER2 inhibitors in Combination With or Without Pertuzumab for HER2-Positive Breast Cancer: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis” (ID: BCAN-D-19-01571R2).

Those comments are all professional and valuable. We have modified the manuscript carefully according to your comments. We ensure the manuscript/tables/figures you received are single and clean version. We hope that we have now produced a more balance and better account of our work and trust that the revised manuscript is acceptable for publication. All questions were answered below.

Responds to the editor’s comments:

1. Comment 1: Please make sure the abstract contains only the following headings: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions.

Author response:

We have modified the headings in abstract. (abstract section, line 7,13 and 18, page 2 and line 5, page3)

2. Comment 2: Please change the title of your ‘Introduction’ to ‘Background’.
Author response:

We followed this suggestion and changed the title of ‘Introduction’ to ‘Background’.
(Background section, line 1, page 4)

3. Comment 3: Please change the title of your ‘Materials and Methods’ section to ‘Methods’.

Author response:

We have changed the title of ‘Materials and Methods’ section to ‘Methods’ according to your comments. (Methods section, line 7, page 6)

4. Comment 4: Please move your Abbreviations to after your Conclusions.

Author response:

We have moved the ‘Abbreviations section’ to after the ‘Conclusions section’ according to your comments. (Abbreviations section, line 13-19, page 20)

5. Comment 5: Please add a ‘Declarations’ heading above your Declarations.

Author response:

I have added the ‘Declarations’ heading above the ‘Declarations section’. (Declarations section, line 21, page 20)

6. Comment 6: Please move your figure and table legend to after the references.

Author response:

We have moved the legend of figure and table to after the references. (Graphical abstract section, line 6-24, page 28 and line 1-4, page 29)

7. Comment 7: Please represent authors’ names using their full initials, not their full/surname, in the Authors’ Contributions section. If there are any duplicated initials, please differentiate them to make it clear that the initials refer to separate authors.

Author response:

We have revised the corresponding parts according to your suggestions. (Authors' contributions section, line 10-15, page 21)
8. Comment 8: Please include a statement in the Authors’ contributions section to the effect that all authors have read and approved the manuscript, and ensure that this is the case.

Author response:

We have added this statement in the Authors’ contributions section. (authors’ contributions section, line 10-15, page 21)

9. Comment 9: Please remove the cover letter and language certificate documents from the end of your manuscript file as these are no longer needed in the publication process.

Author response:

We have removed the cover letter and language certificate documents from the submission.

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Author response:

We promise that the manuscript/table/figure of our submission are single and clean versions.

Please take some of your time to review the revision again. If you have any question about it, please do not hesitate to let me know at your earliest convenience. I hope that the correction will meet with approval.

We greatly appreciate your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing you.

Yours sincerely,

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