Author’s response to reviews

Title: Gray-matter Structure in Long-term Abstinent Methamphetamine Users

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We thank you for all your valuable comments and suggestions. Now we will answer one by one.

1. We notice significant text overlap between your manuscript and previously published materials. Please reformulate the large sections of overlapping text present in your Methods section. Please ensure that, where relevant, these sources are also referenced as appropriate.

Gray matter abnormalities in opioid-dependent patients: A neuroimaging meta-analysis
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Response: We have referenced this paper (See page 12, line 36, ref #21) and reformulated the text in Methods section (See Methods section, page 7, line 36-60).

2. While assessing your manuscript it was noticed that Table 2, figure 1 and figure 2 were not found to be mentioned in the main text. Please ensure that all tables and figures are referenced so as to provide context for the reader and also as an indication for where our production team is to insert them.

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3. Please provide a “List of abbreviations” subsection after the Conclusions section. If abbreviations are used in the text, they should be defined in the text at first use and included in this list.

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Response: Done. And we have moved the Authors details from Title page to the end of the main text (page 17, line 24-39)