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Title: Which is the Best Treatment of Pediatric Upper Urinary Tract Stones among Extracorporeal Shockwave Lithotripsy, Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy and Retrograde Intrarenal Surgery: A Systematic Review

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Dear Tillie,

Thank you for your letter of reviewers’ comments concerning our manuscript entitled “Which Is the Best Treatment Modality for Pediatric Upper Urinary Tract Stone among Extracorporeal Shockwave Lithotripsy, Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy and Retrograde Intrarenal Surgery: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis”. We have studied the comments carefully and have made correction which we hope to meet the approval. As to the language, we do have asked Prof. Deyi Luo to help us with the revision again (highlight text). He used to study in University of British Columbia as a visiting scholar. If you think the revision is still not fluent enough in English, we would make a revision with a more professional help.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

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Responds to the Reviewer #1

Thanks for your favorable comments. We have done a correction of the language.

Responds to the Reviewer #3

Thanks for your kindly comments. We have made some corrections as follow:

1. The figure 6 has been corrected.
2. The word has been corrected (Background section, line 85, page 4).
3. The sentence has been overwritten (Discussion section, line 262, page 12).
4. The sentence has been overwritten (Discussion section, line 293, page 14).
5. The sentence has been overwritten (Discussion section, line 317, page 15).
6. The word has been corrected (List of abbreviations section, line 335, page 17).

Responds to the Reviewer #4

Thanks for your helpful advices. As your advice, we choose the random-effects model to generate the most conservative estimate due to the research question and the type of data sought. However, we do not conduct a network meta-analysis based on non-randomized control trials, which may cause more bias or heterogeneity.