Author’s response to reviews

Title: Comparative efficacy of Chinese medicine injections for treating acute cerebral infarction: A network meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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recommendations. Based on your and other reviews’ suggestions, we carefully revised the manuscript. We are now sending the revised article for your reconsideration to publish in BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine. The point to point responses to all comments are blow, and the corresponding revisions are in the body of manuscript. We look forward to hearing from you soon for a favorable decision. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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A point to point response was answered below.

1. The reviewer’s comment:

Excellent work, huge data collection and analysis but unfortunately this manuscript is not well written even their is a references in the conclusion section. I suggest for authors to use editing services and English native speakers to help in improving the final version of this manuscript.

The authors’ answer:

Thanks the reviewer for the comments. We have already revised our manuscript carefully and amended it through American Journal Experts. The certification was attached. Thanks your suggestion.

Responses to Reviewer 2:

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Figures are in low quality (mainly 2-6), there is problem for reader to get any information from them

The authors’ answer:

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