Author’s response to reviews

Title: Pharmacotherapies for fatigue in chronic liver disease (CLD): a systematic review and meta-analysis (protocol)

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Reviewer reports:

Reviewer #1: Thank you.

AE/PK response: You are welcome.

Reviewer #2: The article has improved after the corrections and language editing.

AE/PK response: Thank you.

I have noted some minor errors;

AE/PK response. Suggested changes have been made. Please see highlighted text in revised manuscript.

Under study design "...individual studies must have assessed fatigue as ....."

AE/PK response: Change made as requested.

Under interventions > comparators> Other pharmacological interventions

AE/PK response: Change made as requested.

Under data extraction, you have mentioned "sponsor and status". What is meant by status is unclear,

AE/PK response: Change made as requested. 'Status' deleted from text.

Attrition rates and loss to follow up anyway have to be reported but they should not be used as surrogate outcomes to assess fatigue
AE/PK response: Change made as requested. Revision deletes attrition bias as a surrogate outcome to assess fatigue.

In risk of bias section there is no need to explain what allocation concealment, random sequence generation etc is

AE/PK response: Revision made as requested. Verbose text on allocation concealment, random sequence generation, etc., deleted from text.

Sincerely,

AE & PK