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Title: Dipeptidyl Peptidase 4 (DPP-4) Inhibitors and Cardiovascular Outcomes in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM): A systematic review and meta-analysis

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POINT TO POINT RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Luisa Agnello (Reviewer 1): This is an interesting well-written paper. I have some minor suggestions to improve the quality of the manuscript. The study design is appropriate and results are described clearly. The text requires a minor English revision.

Author response: Thank you for your lovely comments. We have made changes to the language appropriately.

Luisa Agnello (Reviewer 1): I suggest to the Authors to eliminate the words: involving 157,478 participants;

Author response: Thank you. The change suggested has been carried out appropriately.

Luisa Agnello (Reviewer 1): Check the number of words of abstract if are in accordance with guidelines of the journal;

Author response: We have reduced the total number of words in the abstract and now the total number of words in the abstract is 336 which follows the guidelines of the journal.
Luisa Agnello (Reviewer 1): the first sentence of the abstract and the introduction are very similar, so I suggest you change them;

Author response: Thank you. Appropriate changes have been made.

Luisa Agnello (Reviewer 1): In exclusion criteria, Authors should add the exclusion of studies written in other languages than in English;

Author response: Thank you. We have added the criteria as suggested.

Luisa Agnello (Reviewer 1): Page 8 line 24: the mean age should not be shown in brackets

Author response: Thank you. Appropriate changes have been made.

Luisa Agnello (Reviewer 1): Page 8 line 26: what is 46.2-70.7 in the brackets?

Author response: It represented the mean percentage of male participants.

Luisa Agnello (Reviewer 1): Page 8 line 28: what does it mean the sentence: HbA1C also varied from (7.20 to 8.00) years??

Author response: The HbA1c among the patients varied on average from a range of 7.20 to 8.00. We have changed the wordings appropriately to make it more clear to the readers.

CIBELE dos Santos BORGES (Reviewer 2): The manuscript intitled "Dipeptidyl Peptidase 4 (DPP-4) Inhibitors and Cardiovascular Outcomes in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus: A systematic review and meta-analysis involving 157,478 participants" brings new concepts and also new problems to solve.

Author response: Thank you very much. Your comments have well been appreciated.

CIBELE dos Santos BORGES (Reviewer 2): The abbreviations must follow the sentence for the first time. Please, identify in the title or in the abstract at the first time the meaning of T2DM.

Author response: Ok thank you.
CIBELE dos Santos BORGES (Reviewer 2): I understand the novelty of the study, but of 245 papers eligible for the study, only 7 were selected do not express a very low number of papers to complete something with such certainty?

Author response: We were helpless on this situation since only a few papers satisfied the inclusion and exclusion criteria of this paper. In addition, since this topic is still very new, many research has not yet been carried out on this medication.

CIBELE dos Santos BORGES (Reviewer 2): I'm concerned about the conclusion. I believe that waving a possibility is better than creating a certainty.

Author response: thank you. We have adjusted the conclusion to show a possibility instead of a certainty. Thank you.