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Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 40722-revise.doc) and the original pictures in supplementary material (file name: Figures.pptx).

Title: Photodynamic therapy for middle-advanced stage upper gastrointestinal carcinomas: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers' comments on our manuscript entitled "Photodynamic therapy for middle-advanced stage upper gastrointestinal carcinomas: A systematic review and meta-analysis" (Manuscript ID: 40722). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. The answers to the questions of the reviewers and editors are listed below and have been addressed in the text accordingly. Any revised texts in the manuscript have been marked in red as well as format has been updated according to publication criteria.

Responds to the reviewer's comments:

Reviewer # 02440467:

(1) Response to comment: one typo in line 359.

Responds: We are very sorry for our mistakes, and the typo you mentioned has been corrected in our revised manuscript.

Reviewer # 03257741:

(1) Response to comment: more detail about intervention protocols and chemotherapy protocol and population for each article in Table 1.

Responds: It is helpful as reviewer suggested to add the information referred. In our revised paper, we have added the intervention protocols and chemotherapy protocol in each trial. However, after our careful examination, we think that the population could not be standardized due to inconsistency of each study, that is there are only five studies included patients with pathologic classification.

Comments from editors:

(1) Response to comment: the expression of statistical significance is not proper.

Responds: Sorry for our improper expression of statistical significance. To correct it, we have referred to the expression of the work published in *World Journal of Gastroenterology* (*World J Gastroenterol.* Aug 7, 2018; 24(29): 3302-3312).

(2) Response to commend: lack of Audio Core Tip

Responds: We supplemented the file with the same name.

(3) Response to comment: lack of Copyright License Agreement.

Responds: We supplemented the file with the same name.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

In addition, as our omission of Fund Information in our pre-submitted manuscript, we added it in this revision. We try our best to improve the manuscript and appreciate for editors/reviewers' work, and hope that the correction will meet with approval.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Xiong-Ying Miao', written in a cursive style.

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