

Comments made by Editors and/reviewers

1. Self-cited references: There are 5 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations that are closely related to the topic of the manuscript, and remove other improper self-citations.

Authors' response: We have reduced the number of self-cited references to 2. Furthermore, we have included other references that present the state of the art about the graphical methods that handle information of network meta-analysis.

Technical aspects

2. The title is too long, and it should be no more than 18 words.

Authors' response: Actually, the present title ("A simplified figure to present direct and indirect comparisons: revisiting the graph 10 years later ") is 16 words; anyhow, if needed, a shorter title could be "A revisited graph to present direct and indirect comparisons" (9 words).

3. The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

Authors' response: According to your request, the figure has been uploaded as a PowerPoint file.

4. Contents of the Core tips.

Authors' response: We have revised the core tips avoiding to include the same sentences included in the abstract.