

Dear Subrata Ghosh and Andrzej S Tarnawski,

We are delighted to have received positive peer review comments on our manuscript entitled '*Selection of first-line systemic therapies for advanced hepatocellular carcinoma: A network meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials*'. We have considered all comments received and made the required revisions to our manuscript, as well as uploading an editable version of all figures in PPT format. As requested, we have provided an item-by-item response to all feedback received in the following letter.

We thank you and the editorial team for your time spent reviewing our manuscript and look forward to your final decision.

On behalf of my co-authors,

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RESPONSE TO REVIEW COMMENTS

Reviewer #1

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The manuscript summarized the safety and efficacy of potential first line chemotherapy for HCC reviewing 1,398 articles. The information summarized here significantly contribute to understand the current topics in the field and really helpful for the physician. Therefore, I believe that the manuscript should be considered for its publication in its current form.

Response: We thank the reviewer for this positive feedback on our work.

Editorial office comments

Issues raised:

(1) 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.

Response: We have provided all figures in the requested format.

(2) The “Article Highlights” section is missing. Please add the “Article highlights” section at the end of the main text.

Response: We have added an Article Highlights section, following the requirements in the author guidelines.