

Format for ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: CRPC endpoints v-1.5.doc) and relative tables (7).

Title: End points of clinical trials in metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer: a systematic review

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 The manuscript has been reviewed in grammar and syntax. Format has been updated.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer #1:

(1) data in tables have been reviewed: Table 5 and table 6 have been changed, specifying response rate as percent, identifying "RR" as radiological response rate and eliminating the last column (all trials were trials of first-line medical therapy); the Result Columns have been changed in Response Rate (%) for a more clear understanding; similarly, the last column (Line) has been deleted in the other tables, as well as months and weeks were specified at the bottom of every table;

(2) the trials' main conclusions, reported in the tables, were explained and commented in the "Results" section;

(3) the conclusion was more explicitly reported, pointing out that new end points need to be studied, mainly PSA-related and patient-reported, and that time-to-event endpoints other than PSA-progression need urgent standardization.

3 Other changes of the article have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer #2:

(1) MEDLINE search has been excluded by the "material and methods" section;

(2) more details about how articles were selected, compared and reconciled have been added to the "materials and methods" section;

(3) results of processes used for obtaining more details about trials and end point definition have been reported in the "material and methods";

(4) potential biases of the present review were reported in the "discussion".

Thank you

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