

Reviewer #1

Based on our analysis of tumour size, there is no significant difference in tumour size between treatment groups and amongst study design, there is unlikely to be difference in outcomes. We have updated the manuscript to highlight this. Supplementary figures 1 and 2 have been updated to reflect this.

Reviewer #2

We have updated the manuscript to acknowledge that the unspecified follow up period is a limitation.

Science editor

We have updated the manuscript to reflect the Institutional Review Board approval and properly report on informed consent. As this is a systematic review and meta-analysis, no institutional ethics committee approval was required.

Analysis of tumour size has been expanded on as suggested.

Company editor in chief

RCA has been utilised during the revision of the manuscript. The manuscript has been updated with relevant recent literature.

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