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Dear Editor,

Reviewers' comments are all valuable and helpful for revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our research. We have studied comments carefully and have made corrections which we hope meet with approval.

**Response to Reviewer (code): 00227386**

We appreciate the Reviewer's suggestions very much.

- 1 The discussion section has been shortened unifying reiterative information and removing redundant descriptions.
- 2 Figures 2,3 and 4 are very detailed, but for our opinion they are suitable not only for a statistical journal. Forest and Funnel plots are essential parts of a meta-analysis and we considered they should not be removed. However, it is up to the editorial board the final decision to consider these relevant for the World Journal of Clinical Oncology.
- 3 The information of Figures 2,3 and 4 is already included in the text, but to our opinion they possibly could not be omitted because essential for clarity for a meta-analysis style

**Response to Reviewer (code): 00185438**

We appreciate the Reviewer's comments very much.

- 1 Minor language corrections are made.

**Response to Reviewer (code): 03036051**

We appreciate the Reviewer's comments and thank for his suggestions.



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- 1 The entire manuscript has been revised by a native English speaker. Every correction are highlighted (without comment) in the text. Mis-typings have been corrected.

We would like to thank very much all he Reviewers for their comments.

Sincerely yours

Stefano Caruso