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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The study by Yanzhi Song et al. investigated the efficacy of TCM as the adjuvant treatment of hematologic malignant diseases. To study this purpose, authors have conducted a meta-analysis of RCTs up 19th June 2014. The aim of this work is of interest, the methodology is appropriate and the results are enlightening. The authors have concluded that TCM could increase the OR and CR rate for acute leukemia treatment and could reduce the treatment associated serious non-hematologic AEs. Thus this work could help to clarify if TCM as adjuvant could improve the efficacy of hematologic malignant diseases treatments. I only have minor comments to improve the quality of the manuscript. 1- Authors should include an "abbreviation section" 2- Authors should clarify the terms "tradition or tradition" in "Searching Method" section 3-It is seems that something is missed in this sentence "the TCM causes little side effects and economical" in "Response Rate of TCM" section 3- Authors should check some words spelling such as: Introduction instead of Intruduction Hematolog instead of hemotolog Asian instead of asian

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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Comments to authors: The manuscript of "Is the traditional Chinese medicine helpful for patients with hematologic malignant diseases? A meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials" is quite interesting and I definitely recommend publication. I really enjoyed reading this well conducted meta-analysis. I think that, the results of your paper which conclude that traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) increases the overall response (OR) and complete response (CR) rate for hematologic malignancies could be a potential therapeutic strategy in the future. Your meta-analysis work clearly demonstrates that the TCM had a significantly higher (OR) and (CR) rates than the control. Furthermore, TCM also significantly decreased the non-hematologic adverse effects rate and had a trend to decrease the infection rate. Your manuscript is very well written and I have no issues with this paper, but some minor changes should be made: 1-Please add a list of abbreviation in the beginning of your manuscript. 2-In the discussion section: You should discuss in more details why your study failed to show that TCM increase the survival rate? 3-In the method section: It is important to judge & clarify the role of funnel plot in detecting publication bias. 4-Some



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typographical mistakes need to be corrected; for example “ intruduction “ , “tradition or tradition”, .....etc.