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#### Reviewer#1

# Specific comments to authors

The article is within the scope of the journal. The subject is interesting. The presentation is well written and organized. Likewise, it is easy to read. On the other hand, the results presented are important in the area of article knowledge, and represent an advance. This is a good article. Nonetheless, as stated in the discussion, it must be recognized that music therapy is only a psychological intervention, rather than a treatment for adverse reactions such as nausea and vomiting, and for patients receiving chemotherapy for moderately and highly emetogenic cancer, drugs should be given before chemotherapy to prevent serious gastrointestinal reactions. It is recommended to accept.

**Reply:** Thanks for your comments.

### Reviewer#2

### Specific comments to authors

Manuscript Title: Effect of music therapy on chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting in gastrointestinal cancer: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials. 1- Title reflected the main subject/hypothesis of the manuscript. 2- The abstract summarized and reflect the described in the manuscript. 3- Key words reflected the focus of the manuscript. 4- The manuscript adequately described the background, presented status and significance of the Meta-analysis. 5- The manuscript described methods in adequate detail. 6- The research objectives are achieved by the experiments used in this study. Literature search and meta-analysis were used to investigate the effect of music therapy on the relief of gastrointestinal adverse reactions in chemotherapy for patients with digestive tract cancer. 7- The manuscript interpreted the results adequately and appropriately, highlighting the key points concisely, clearly and logically. 8- Manuscript included sufficient, good quality



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Figures. 9- The manuscript cited appropriately the latest, important and authoritative references in the introduction and discussion sections. 10- The manuscript is well, concisely and coherently organized and presented and the style is accurate and appropriated. I recommend accepting this manuscript for publication after a minor language and grammar editing.

**Reply:** 1. I have revised the language, brief abstract background, background and references, please review.

- 2. All tables are revised at the end of the article document. Please review.
- 3. I have polished and revised some contents of the article, please review.

#### Reviewer#3

## Specific comments to authors

The manuscript investigates the effect of music therapy on the relief of gastrointestinal adverse reactions in chemotherapy for patients with digestive tract cancer. The extensive analysis of the literature allows us to summarize the current status of the music therapy. This work was carried out with methodological rigor. Proper language with little need for polishing.

**Reply:** Thanks for your comments.