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Response to comments

Associate Editor 1:

1- The explanation of Figure 1 needs to be corrected. For example, it is better to be replaced the "flowchart" word with "PRISMA flowchart" word.

Response: We have replaced the "flowchart" word with "PRISMA flowchart" in Figure legend.

2- Please complete and submit a PRISMA form, ensuring that all relevant items in the checklist are present in the manuscript.

Response: We completed a PRISMA checklist:

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3- What time performed the search of the literature? In the Methods section of the submitted manuscript, it should be expressed.

Response: We described the time limit for search.

Associate Editor 2:

The meta-analysis has been done well, but in manuscript there is some funnel plots without the title, should be revised according to journal format for all graphs.

Response: We have added the titles for funnel plots.

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ORCIDs of the first author and the corresponding authors have been added.