Response to Letter Regarding Article, “Early Dual Versus Mono Antiplatelet Therapy for Acute Non-Cardioembolic Ischemic Stroke or Transient Ischemic Attack: An Updated Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis”

We thank Dr Zhang for his interest in our article “Early Dual Versus Mono Antiplatelet Therapy for Acute Non-Cardioembolic Ischemic Stroke or Transient Ischemic Attack: An Updated Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.”1 We agree that the results of the Clopidogrel in High-risk patients with Acute Non-disabling Cerebrovascular Events (CHANCE) study and this meta-analysis may change the guidelines for stroke and transient ischemic attack treatment in future. However, we are not aware of any recent change of guideline that is based on the results of the CHANCE study in China. Dr Zhang also raised a very interesting question about any potential interaction between traditional Chinese herbal medicine and antithrombotic agents. However, it is beyond the scope of this meta-analysis to answer this question.

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Dr Gorelick is a member of the ARRIVE Steering Committee (an aspirin study for primary prevention of cardiovascular events sponsored by Bayer) and is on a speaker’s bureau for new oral anticoagulants for stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation for both Pfizer and Boehringer Ingelheim.

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