Dear Reviewer #1

We thank the reviewer for drawing our attention to the misprint, which was fixed, and the summary KM curves by requesting at least a log-rank test. We consulted the statisticians about this issue. They explained to us that creating KM curves by simple data merging is not adequate since this approach does not use random effects, hence, the differences between the study populations are not taken into account. Instead of using these plots, we digitalized the Kaplan-Meier curves published in the involved studies and plotted them on the same figure. Instead of a log rank test, we calculated pooled HR. Then, the p-value of the test with the null hypothesis that the HR is one can serve the role of the log-rank p-value.

Best regards,

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