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Dear editors and reviewers:

Thank you for accepting our paper Response of lymphocyte subsets and cytokines to Shenyang prescription in Sprague-Dawley rats with tongue squamous cell carcinomas induced by 4NQO (MS: 1728714112121869) for being published. I appreciate the prompt and constructive review. We have revised our manuscript as indicated in line as suggested by reviewer and editors point by point. Specific points include the followings:

1. According to the reviewer's request, we have provided the active ingredients for each of four compositions of "Shengyang" prescription as followings: The main active constituents of Radix codonopsisit are tangshenoside and atractylenolide, Radix astragali are astragalus glucans and flavonoids, Salvia miltiorrhiza consist of tanshinones and cryptotanshinone and Glossy privet fruit contain nuzhenide and olenropein. Their pharmacological actions include effect on immune function enhancement in SOD activity, increase in white cell count, liver protection, and hypoxia tolerance.

2. All of the figures have been modified, which were cropped as closely as possible to minimise white space around the image as suggested by editors.

3. We have deleted the keywords in page 2 and rename Materials & Methods section "methods".

4. We have indicated the details of the institutional review board that granted ethical approval for the animal experiments.

5. Language corrections of our manuscript have been completed.

I believe that the suggested changes have considerably strengthened the current version. I greatly appreciate your reception of our work again.

Sincerely,
Wantao Chen