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**General:**
Largely, I had revised the manuscript based on the suggestions provided. Grammar was reviewed and corrected, and hopefully, the editor will also contribute some comments to better the grammar of the overall manuscript.

**Major Compulsory Revisions:**

1. The amount of data was reviewed and refocused. I had deleted a lot of data that may have been contributing to the overall lack of a focus of the manuscript. Data on knowledge scores, places of purchase of BBT and other data was deleted from this version. As a result, the “results” section now has 2 and half pages of verbal review and the “Tables” are now only four, in total.
2. The primary objective is only one now, as was correctly suggested by the reviewer. This is reflected in the manuscript’s “Introduction” section. The secondary objectives are listed as well, as suggested by the reviewer.
3. The discussion section was redone and condensed. The review of the literature is minimized to reflect the most important points that need to be emphasized. “Discussion” section is now 3 pages long and the last page summarizes limitations of the study.
4. Paragraphs 1 and 2, as directed by the reviewer, are deleted as they seemed somewhat irrelevant to overall message of the manuscript.
5. As noted by the reviewer, we did not specify or identified “risk factors for cardiovascular disease” in the scientifically-sound matter, therefore, we eliminated the claim of assessment of “risk factors” in this manuscript.

**Minor Essential Revisions:**

1. As noted by the reviewer, it is a pharmacist-conducted study, however, we did not address or ask patients specifically regarding “pharmacist assessment” of BBT use during medication history, so it is now reflected in the paper.
2. The sentences are adjusted.
3. Knowledge Scores data is deleted from this manuscript.
4. Footnote is changed to reflect BBT.
5. Tables 1-3 have been refocused and excessive details deleted.