Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effect of Traditional Chinese Medicine on Outcomes in Patients with Mild/Moderate Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: study protocol for a randomized placebo-controlled trial

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Date: Jun 16, 2012
Dear Editor:
Dear Editors-in-Chief
My manuscript entitled as “Effect of Traditional Chinese Medicine on Outcomes in Patients with Mild/Moderate Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: study protocol for a randomized placebo-controlled trial” was revised according to the reviewer’s comments, and itemized response to the reviewer’s comments is attached. Many thanks for your suggestion. I am sorry to bring you so much trouble because of our careless. Correspondence and phone calls about this paper should be directed to prof. Jiansheng Li at the following address#phone and fax number#and e-mail address#
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Thanks very much again for your attention to our paper. Once again, thank you for your help to our paper processing. I hope this paper is suitable for your famous journal.
Yours sincerely#
Li Jiansheng

For your guidance, itemized response to each reviewer’s comments is appended below.
Dear reviewer:

1. As suggested by the reviewer, we have changed the title to conform to journal style for study protocol articles. Now the title is “Effect of Traditional Chinese Medicine on Outcomes in Patients with Mild/Moderate Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: study protocol for a randomized placebo-controlled trial.” (see line 3, 4, Page 1).

2. As suggested by the reviewer, we have copyedited the paper to improve the style of written English and highlight the key points.

3. The reviewer has pointed out that “Can you please also ensure that your study protocol is formatted as outlined in our instructions for authors?”, we thank the reviewer’s carefulness, and we make sure to include all sections listed and to order them correctly, the trial status section has been added (see line 1-3, Page 13), and the figures and tables have been deleted in the main body of the manuscript.

As a Chinese, our English is very poor and a few of corrections and editing had done by our team. At last, thank you for your arduous work and instructive advice.