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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your useful comments and suggestions on the language and structure of our manuscript. Based the comments from the referees, we have made changes of the manuscript, which are detailed below.

1) **1. Will the study design adequately test the hypothesis? Yes the study design is appropriate.**

   Answer: The reviewer’s comment is highly appreciated. In the Section **Method design** of the revised manuscript, the study design is stated as:

   “The study is conducted as randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled trial to exam the effects of TCM in patients with cancer undergoing chemotherapy or radiotherapy.”

2) **2. Are sufficient details provided to allow replication of the work or comparison with related analyses: if not, what is missing? Yes though expertise in TCM would be needed in order to replicate**

   Answer: The reviewer’s comment is highly appreciated. In the Section **Method**, we state the study designed, medication, participants, inclusion criteria, exclusion criteria, randomization, blindness, intervention, data collection and primary outcome detailed.

3) **3. Is the planned statistical analysis appropriate? The methods are acceptable.**

   Answer: The reviewer’s comment is highly appreciated. In the Section **Method Statistical analysis** of the revised manuscript, it is stated as:

   “Statistical analysis will be performed by Department of Mathematics and Institute of Statistics and Information Science, National Changhua University of Education in Taiwan. We will use statistical software R to analyze the data. Paired-T test will be derived for statistically analysis“

4) **4. Is the writing acceptable? The writing is understandable but really needs a detailed copy edit. Many of the tenses and the use of singular and plural is frequently inappropriate. I am aware that copy editing is not normally provided by the editorial office but in this case it is necessary unless the authors can have it carried out either by a native English speaker or a professional copy editor**

   Answer: The reviewer’s comment is highly appreciated. We have revised the manuscript and highlight the changes.
We also add trial status, competing interests, author’s contribution and acknowledgement in the revised manuscript and abstract.

The manuscript has been resubmitted to your journal. We look forward to your positive response. Thank you for reviewing our manuscript.

Sincerely,
Chia-Yun Chen