Reviewer's report

**Title:** Therapeutic Efficacy of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Shen-Mai San in Cancer Patient Undergoing Chemotherapy or Radiotherapy: A Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Trial

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**Reviewer:** Phil Wiffen

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

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

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

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