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Thank you very much for your comments and suggestions. The revised manuscript has been edited and proofread by a medical editing researcher in American.

1. some problems should be solved, firstly the manuscript should be read and revised by a native English speaker to give the reader a swift and clear idea and correct the grammatic errors (quote the comments from Reviewer);

The manuscript is revised submission with new line and page numbers in the text, some grammar and spelling errors had also been corrected with colored font. Furthermore, the relevant regulations had been made in the original manuscript according to the comments of reviewers, and the major revised portions were marked in yellow highlight.

2. The details of the allocation of the patients into five arms, how the authors make sure the groups consisting of randomized patients balance each other at the baseline? (quote the comments from editor).

The details of randomization and recruitment of eligible patients have been given in the revised paper. Hope these will make it more acceptable for publication.
(1) the details on randomization

We have paid attention to this issue. The details of block randomization, allocation concealment and blinding in randomised controlled trial have been shown in the revised manuscript.

(2) recruitment of eligible patients

The details about recruitment of eligible patients are revised submission within the text. Please see line 84-86 in page 5 (marked in yellow highlight). These specifications maybe provide readers with more information to judge the internal validity of this trial.