Author’s response to reviews

Title: Chinese herbal medicine TangBi Formula treatment of patients with type 2 diabetic distal symmetric polyneuropathy disease: Study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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Dear Editors and Reviewers:

Thank you for your letter and for the reviewers’ comments concerning our manuscript (ID: TRLS-D-17-00517R1). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction, which we hope meet with approval. Revised portion are marked in red in the paper. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the reviewer’s comments are as following:
Reviewer #1:

1. Although the authors have revised the language, there are still a lot of wrong sentences in your text, which need to be revised seriously. E.g. 'Preliminary studies indicate that ' in abstract need to be revised to 'indicated'. Methods and design, we usually use future indefinite, and so on.

Response: Thanks for your patience and carefulness. The corrections have been made in the revised manuscript. The English language of the revised manuscript has been carefully edited and checked by an English reader.

2. I did not find the content about 'study procedures', only found figure 2, which also did not be labeled in the text. Procedures mean flow of the study visits, not only about 'procedures for withdrawal of study subjects'.

Response: Modified throughout the text according to the comment. We have added description of the study visits in the manuscript, Line 7-15, page 6.

(Study procedures)

During the treatment, it will be explicitly record that the information of Collect basic medical history Diagnosis and screening, Observation of effectiveness and Physico-chemical examination. There will be common records, which is Vital signs, Physical examination, Merge disease and medication, Fasting blood sugar, blood pressure and adverse events, at visit 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. In addition, Glycosylated hemoglobin, blood lipids, MDNS scale, ECG, liver and kidney function will be added at visit 3; Glycosylated hemoglobin, blood lipids, MDNS scale, ECG, liver and kidney function, Nerve conduction velocity will be added at visit 6. All the information of Treatment schedule is illustrated Fig 2.)

3. About intervention, when start the treatment, and for how long time? And please change the tense.

Response: Modified throughout the text according to the comment. We have added description of the treatment and changed the tense in the manuscript, Line 29, page 5.

(The treatment will be initiated after randomization. The treatment will be lasted for 6 months.)
4. Please check your protocol according to CONSORT. There are many details about RCT.

Response: We have checked the protocol and revised the manuscript according to CONSORT2010