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Review Comments

The paper titled “Efficacy of Joungal in Preventing Febrile Neutropenia Induced by Platinum-based Doublet Chemotherapy in Lung Cancer” is interesting, which evaluated Joungal, a traditional Chinese medicine, for treatment of neutropenic complications in patients with lung cancer who received chemotherapy. The authors concluded that Joungal safely and effectively decreased the incidence of neutropenia and febrile neutropenia (FN) induced by doublet platinum-based chemotherapy in patients with lung cancer, and may have potential as a supportive care agent for patients with lung cancer.

However, there are several minor issues that, if addressed, would significantly improve the manuscript.

1) In the abstract, the “Introduction” should be changed into “Backgrounds.” the “Patients and Methods” should be changed into “Methods.”

Response: OK

2) There are many grammatical errors or irregular writing (For example, “Three hundred eighty-two” should be changed into “Three hundred and eighty-two”; there should be a space after each word or each punctuation) throughout the text. The language of this paper needs to be polished by an English native speaker.

Response: OK

3) Please give the full names of these abbreviations (OR, RA, and so on) when they first appeared. Please check carefully. There are many similar cases in the paper.

Response: OK

4) The content stated in this paper is too old, mainly because most of the references (17/24) are 3 years ago. Please refer to the relevant literature published in recent years to update the content of the paper.

Response: I have replace most of the references.

5) Figures 1 is not clear enough. It is recommended to provide clearer figures again

Response: new Figure 1

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6) There are no standard deviation or standard error in Figures 2 and 3. Please supplement the corresponding results.

Response: there was accurate incidence, so there is no standard deviation or standard error.

7) The results of this study are too simple, and it is suggested to supplement some mechanism studies. This is more conducive to support the conclusion of this paper.

Response: Thank you so much, we will perform the studies as you suggested.