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Response to the comments of Reviewer A:

Comment 1: Correct the scientific names of the plants mentioned in the manuscript and specify the plant parts used.

Reply 1: Thank you for your valuable comments regarding the scientific names of the plants and the specification of plant parts used in our manuscript. We have carefully reviewed the relevant literature and have made the necessary corrections to ensure accuracy and completeness. We appreciate your attention to detail and believe that these changes enhance the scientific rigor of our work.

Changes in the text: see Page 8, line 171-178.

Comment 2: Ensure proper spacing between brackets and adjacent words or numbers, as well as between numbers and words, throughout the manuscript.

Reply 2: Thank you for your meticulous attention to detail and for pointing out the need to ensure proper spacing between brackets, numbers, and adjacent words throughout the manuscript. We have carefully reviewed the manuscript and have made the necessary adjustments to ensure consistent and correct spacing in accordance. We believe that these changes will improve the overall presentation of our work.

Comment 3: Please specify how long the herbal solution (page 7, line 161) can be stored and the recommended storage temperature to maintain the extract's stability and efficacy.

Reply 3: Thank you for your inquiry regarding the storage conditions of the herbal solution in our manuscript. We have already supplemented the information in the manuscript to address this point. Specifically, to maintain the stability and efficacy of the herbal solution, we recommend storing it at a temperature of 2-8°C, and it can be stored for up to 2 weeks.

This recommendation is based on the general guidelines for storing herbal medicinal products, which suggest that maintaining low temperatures can help preserve the active compounds and prevent degradation. We believe that these storage conditions will ensure the herbal solution remains stable and effective for the specified duration.

Thank you once again for your valuable feedback.

Changes in the text: see Page 8, line 190-192.

Comment 4: In the Results section, several sentences refer to significant differences in the data presented in the tables. However, it is difficult to identify which specific data

points are significantly different as described. Please add asterisks or other appropriate indicators to highlight the significant differences directly within each table for clarity.

Reply 4: Thank you for your valuable feedback regarding the clarity of significant differences in our manuscript. We have addressed this by adding appropriate indicators directly within each table to highlight significant differences. Specifically, we have used asterisks to denote the significance levels as follows: *, $P \leq 0.05$; **, $P \leq 0.01$; ***, $P \leq 0.001$. This approach ensures that readers can easily identify which data points are significantly different, as described in the Results section.

We believe these changes enhance the readability and transparency of our data presentation. Thank you for your attention to this detail.

Changes in the text: see Page 22-24, line 619-633.

Comment 5: How do you ensure the quality and consistency of the plants used in Shenling Baizhu Powder?

Reply 5: Thank you for your question regarding the quality and consistency of the plants used in Shenling Baizhu Powder. We have addressed this in our manuscript by specifying the measures taken to ensure the quality and consistency of the herbal materials.

To ensure the quality and consistency of the plants used in Shenling Baizhu Powder, we have designated a single manufacturer to supply all the herbal decoction pieces. This approach ensures consistency in the varieties, producing areas, quality, and processing methods of the herbal materials. We have chosen a manufacturer with standardized production operations, rigorous control science, and a good reputation. All the medicinal materials are packaged independently, and the packaging is printed with the source, product name, specifications, producing area, validity, and other relevant information.

We believe these measures provide a robust framework for maintaining the quality and consistency of the herbal materials used in our study.

Changes in the text: see Page 8, line 181-186.

Comment 6: Which specific phytochemicals present in the plants used in Shenling Baizhu Powder are expected to contribute to the reduction of lipid levels? Please elaborate on this point. Additionally, include a discussion of the properties of each plant used in the formula. Highlight how their phytochemical or bioactive compounds work synergistically to balance the body's functions and potentially prevent the development of various diseases.

Reply 6: Thank you for your suggestion to elaborate on the specific phytochemicals in Shenling Baizhu Powder (SLBZP) that contribute to the reduction of lipid levels and to

discuss the properties of each plant used in the formula. We have added the following detailed explanation to our manuscript:

The plants used in SLBZP contain a variety of phytochemicals that contribute to the reduction of lipid levels and the improvement of overall health. These phytochemicals work synergistically to balance the body's functions and potentially prevent the development of various diseases. For instance, *Pseudostellaria heterophylla* contains polysaccharides and heterophyllin B, which have immunomodulatory and anti-inflammatory effects that can help reduce lipid accumulation and improve lipid profiles. *Poria cocos* is rich in triterpenic acids and polysaccharides that have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, helping to reduce lipid accumulation in the liver and improve lipid profiles by modulating the expression of enzymes involved in lipid metabolism. *Atractylodes macrocephala* contains sesquiterpenes that enhance gastrointestinal function, reduce water retention, and exhibit anti-inflammatory effects, which can help mitigate the inflammatory processes associated with dyslipidemia. *Dioscorea opposita* has polysaccharides and steroidal saponins that have immunomodulatory and anti-inflammatory effects, contributing to the reduction of lipid accumulation and improvement of lipid profiles. *Lablab purpureus* contains flavonoids and saponins that have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, which can help reduce lipid accumulation and improve lipid profiles. *Nelumbo nucifera* contains alkaloids like neferine, which have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects that can help reduce lipid accumulation and improve lipid profiles. *Coix lacryma-jobi* contains polysaccharides and triterpenoids that have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, contributing to the reduction of lipid accumulation and improvement of lipid profiles. *Amomum villosum* contains essential oils and flavonoids that have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, which can help reduce lipid accumulation and improve lipid profiles. *Platycodon grandiflorum* contains saponins that have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties and can help reduce lipid accumulation and improve lipid profiles by modulating the expression of genes involved in lipid metabolism. *Glycyrrhiza uralensis* contains glycyrrhizin and flavonoids that have anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, which can help reduce lipid accumulation and improve lipid profiles. These components work together to modulate the immune system, reduce inflammation and oxidative stress, regulate lipid metabolism, and improve overall metabolic health.

Changes in the text: see Page 16-17, line 436-466.

Comment 7: Do you have any plans for further development, such as creating additional products or isolating pure extracts from the plants? Please discuss.

Reply 7: Thank you for your inquiry regarding our plans for further development of Shenling Baizhu Powder (SLBZP). While we have not yet embarked on further

development initiatives, we do have plans to explore this area in the future. Specifically, we intend to isolate pure extracts from the plants used in SLBZP to better understand their individual contributions to lipid reduction and overall health benefits. This approach will allow us to develop more targeted and effective formulations. Additionally, we are considering the creation of additional products that leverage the synergistic effects of these phytochemicals to address specific health conditions, such as dyslipidemia and metabolic disorders. We believe that by isolating and characterizing the active components, we can optimize the therapeutic efficacy of SLBZP and potentially develop novel interventions for metabolic health. We are excited about the potential of these future developments and look forward to sharing our progress in due course.

Changes in the text: see Page 17, line 469-477.

Comment 8: Are there any potential adverse effects of excessive use of this herbal formula? Please provide recommendations for daily intake and identify any contraindications for specific populations.

Reply 8: Thank you for your inquiry regarding the potential adverse effects of excessive use of Shenling Baizhu Powder, as well as recommendations for daily intake and contraindications for specific populations.

Excessive use of Shenling Baizhu Powder may lead to adverse effects, although the specific risks can vary depending on individual health conditions and the duration of use. In our manuscript, we have specified the recommended usage to mitigate such risks. Specifically, we recommend taking the herbal solution twice daily, 200 mL each time, after breakfast and dinner, at a warm temperature (see Page 9, line 212-213). This dosing regimen is based on traditional usage and clinical experience to ensure safety and efficacy.

We have also included contraindications for specific populations to ensure safe use. Patients with a history of allergy to any of the herbal components, as well as those with severe liver or kidney dysfunction, are advised not to use this herbal formula (see Page 7, line 152-153). These precautions are based on the potential for allergic reactions and the need to avoid additional stress on compromised organ systems.

We believe these recommendations provide clear guidance for the safe and effective use of Shenling Baizhu Powder. Thank you for your attention to this important aspect of our study.

Comment 9: Please provide high-resolution figures, as the current ones lack sufficient detail for proper analysis.

Reply 9: Thank you for your comment regarding the resolution of the figures in our manuscript. We understand the importance of high-resolution figures for proper analysis and have taken immediate action to address this issue.

We have replaced the existing figures with higher-resolution images to ensure that they provide sufficient detail for thorough analysis. We believe these updated figures will meet the required standards and facilitate a better understanding of the data presented.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Changes in the text: see Page 25-29, figure2-8.

Response to the comments of Reviewer B:

Comment 1: Consider rephrasing for conciseness, e.g., "Impact of Shenling Baizhu Powder on Lipid Profiles and BMI in Breast Cancer Patients Under Chemotherapy: A Retrospective Study."

Reply 1:

Thank you for your constructive feedback on our manuscript titled "Effects of Shenling Baizhu Powder on Blood Lipid Levels and Body Mass Index in Breast Cancer Patients Undergoing Adjuvant Chemotherapy: A Retrospective Cohort Study." We appreciate your suggestion to rephrase the title for conciseness.

We have carefully considered your advice and have revised the title to "Impact of Shenling Baizhu Powder on Lipid Profiles and Body Mass Index in Breast Cancer Patients Under Adjuvant Chemotherapy: A Retrospective Study." This revision maintains the essential elements of the original title while enhancing its conciseness.

We would like to clarify that we have retained the term "Body Mass Index" instead of using the abbreviation "BMI" to adhere to the journal's requirement of avoiding abbreviations in the title. Additionally, we have kept the phrase "Adjuvant Chemotherapy" to accurately reflect the study population, as our research specifically focused on breast cancer patients receiving adjuvant chemotherapy and not neoadjuvant chemotherapy.

We believe that this revised title effectively communicates the key components of our study while meeting the journal's guidelines and maintaining clarity for the readers.

Thank you once again for your valuable input.

Changes in the text: see Page 1, line 2-3.

Comment 2: Include a brief summary of existing evidence linking chemotherapy, dyslipidemia, and SLBZP.

Reply 2: Thank you for your suggestion to include a brief summary of existing evidence linking chemotherapy, dyslipidemia, and SLBZP. We have added the following summary to our manuscript:

SLBZP has potential benefits in managing chemotherapy-induced dyslipidemia and improving overall metabolic health in cancer patients.

Changes in the text: see Page 2, line 36-38.

Comment 3: Clarify why BMI was selected as a key outcome alongside lipid profiles.

Reply 3: Thank you for your suggestion to clarify why BMI was selected as a key outcome alongside lipid profiles. We have added the following explanation to our manuscript:

Monitoring lipid profiles and BMI is crucial to evaluate chemotherapy's metabolic side effects, identify interventions to mitigate them, and understand health risks linked to weight changes during treatment.

Changes in the text: see Page 2, line 32-34.

Comment 4: Sentence: “Chemotherapy can lead to dyslipidemia and obesity in breast cancer patients.”

- Issue: “Chemotherapy can lead to dyslipidemia and obesity in breast cancer patients” could be more concise by combining related phrases for a smoother flow.
- Suggestion: Consider revising to “Chemotherapy often causes dyslipidemia and obesity in breast cancer patients.”

Reply 4: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the sentence “Chemotherapy can lead to dyslipidemia and obesity in breast cancer patients.” We agree that the sentence can be made more concise for better readability and flow. We have revised it to “Chemotherapy often causes dyslipidemia and obesity in breast cancer patients.”

This change enhances the clarity and conciseness of the statement while maintaining its original meaning.

Changes in the text: see Page 2, line 31.

Comment 5: Sentence: “Shenling Baizhu Powder (SLBZP), a traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), treats spleen-stomach ailments by boosting spleen function, qi, and reducing dampness.”

- Issue: The list lacks a parallel structure.
- Suggestion: Revise to “Shenling Baizhu Powder (SLBZP), a traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), treats spleen-stomach ailments by boosting spleen function, enhancing qi, and reducing dampness.”

Reply 5: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the sentence “Shenling Baizhu Powder (SLBZP), a traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), treats spleen-stomach

ailments by boosting spleen function, qi, and reducing dampness.” We have revised it to “Shenling Baizhu Powder (SLBZP), a traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), treats spleen-stomach ailments by boosting spleen function, enhancing qi, and reducing dampness.”

Changes in the text: see Page 2, line 36.

Comment 6: Include a summary of existing evidence linking chemotherapy, dyslipidemia, and SLBZP.

Reply 6: Thank you for your suggestion to include a summary of existing evidence linking chemotherapy, dyslipidemia, and Shenling Baizhu Powder (SLBZP). We have added the following summary to our manuscript:

In summary, existing evidence suggests that SLBZP has potential benefits in managing chemotherapy-induced dyslipidemia and improving overall metabolic health in cancer patients.

Changes in the text: see Page 6, line 120-122.

Comment 7: Clarify why BMI was selected as a key outcome alongside lipid profiles.

Reply 7: Thank you for your suggestion to clarify why BMI was selected as a key outcome alongside lipid profiles. We have added the following explanation to our manuscript:

1. Monitoring lipid profiles is essential to assess the metabolic side effects of chemotherapy and to identify potential interventions that can mitigate these effects.
2. BMI is a widely used indicator of overall health and metabolic status. Changes in BMI can reflect alterations in body composition and metabolic health, which are important considerations in the management of chronic diseases, including cancer. Therefore, monitoring BMI is crucial for understanding the overall health status and potential risks associated with weight changes during chemotherapy.

Changes in the text: see Page 5, line 91-93, line 96-100.

Comment 8: Sentence: “According to the most recent data published by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the global incidence of breast cancer reached 2.3 million cases in 2022, making it the second most common cancer worldwide.”

- Issue: Repetition of “breast cancer” creates redundancy.
- Suggestion: Revise to “According to the most recent data published by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the global incidence of this disease reached 2.3 million cases in 2022, making it the second most common cancer worldwide.”

Reply 8: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the sentence “According to the most recent data published by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the global incidence of breast cancer reached 2.3 million cases in 2022, making it the second most common cancer worldwide.” We have revised it to “According to the most recent data published by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the global incidence of this disease reached 2.3 million cases in 2022, making it the second most common cancer worldwide.”

Changes in the text: see Page 5, line 76.

Comment 9: Sentence: “Dyslipidemia has been implicated in the development of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, which significantly compromised the quality of life and prognosis of breast cancer patients.”

- Issue: Tense inconsistency (“compromised” should match the present tense for general facts).
- Suggestion: Revise to “...which significantly compromises the quality of life and prognosis of breast cancer patients.”

Reply 9: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the sentence “Dyslipidemia has been implicated in the development of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, which significantly compromised the quality of life and prognosis of breast cancer patients.” We have revised it to “Dyslipidemia has been implicated in the development of cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, which significantly compromises the quality of life and prognosis of breast cancer patients.”

This revision ensures consistency in tense and maintains the accuracy of the statement.

Changes in the text: see Page 5, line 89.

Comment 10: Sentence: “The decoction of TCM adhered to the standards set forth by the State Administration of TCM in accordance with the Ministry of Health’s ‘Management Norms for Chinese Medicine Tisanes Room of Medical Institutions.’”

- Issue: “The decoction of TCM adhered to” is awkward.
- Suggestion: Revise to “The TCM decoction followed the standards established by the State Administration of TCM...”

Reply 10: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the sentence “The decoction of TCM adhered to the standards set forth by the State Administration of TCM in accordance with the Ministry of Health’s ‘Management Norms for Chinese Medicine Tisanes Room of Medical Institutions.’” We have revised it to “The TCM decoction followed the standards established by the State Administration of TCM...”

Changes in the text: see Page 8, line 186-187.

Comment 11: Sentence: “For patients who opted for self-decoction, we mandated that the procedure be executed in strict adherence to the established protocol.”

- Issue: “Executed in strict adherence” could be simplified for clarity.
- Suggestion: Revise to “For patients who opted for self-decoction, we mandated strict adherence to the established protocol.”

Reply 11: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the sentence “For patients who opted for self-decoction, we mandated that the procedure be executed in strict adherence to the established protocol.” We have revised it to “For patients who opted for self-decoction, we mandated strict adherence to the established protocol.” This revision simplifies the sentence while maintaining its original meaning.

Changes in the text: see Page 8, line 192.

Comment 12: Simplify explanations for clinical significance, especially concerning lipid level changes.

Reply 12: Thank you for your suggestion to simplify the explanations for the clinical significance, especially concerning lipid level changes. We have revised the discussion to provide a clearer and more concise explanation of the clinical implications of our findings.

Changes in the text: see Page 11-13, line 271-281, line 296-304, line 310-322.

Comment 13: Provide a more detailed comparison between observational and control groups for key outcomes.

Reply 13: Thank you so much for your suggestion to provide a more detailed comparison between the observational and control groups for key outcomes. We have already listed the significant differences in the results and highlighted them with asterisks (*) in the tables.

Comment 14: Sentence: “The alterations in blood lipid levels and BMI before and after chemotherapy were quantified for the observational group, the control group, and three chemotherapy drug subgroups.”

- Issue: “Quantified for the observational group, the control group...” is repetitive.
- Suggestion: Revise to “The alterations in blood lipid levels and BMI were quantified across the observational group, control group, and three chemotherapy subgroups.”

Reply 14: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the sentence “The alterations in blood lipid levels and BMI before and after chemotherapy were quantified for the observational group, the control group, and three chemotherapy drug subgroups.” We have revised it to “The alterations in blood lipid levels and BMI were quantified across the observational group, control group, and three chemotherapy subgroups.” This revision eliminates redundancy and improves clarity.

Changes in the text: see Page 10, line 244-245.

Comment 15: Sentence: “Specifically, the changes in the ApoA1 levels in the taxane subgroup and the taxane followed by anthracycline subgroup in the control group were significantly greater than those observed in the observational group.”

- Issue: Excessive wordiness.

- Suggestion: Revise to “The changes in ApoA1 levels in the taxane and taxane-plus-anthracycline subgroups of the control group were significantly greater than those in the observational group.”

Reply 15: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the sentence “Specifically, the changes in the ApoA1 levels in the taxane subgroup and the taxane followed by anthracycline subgroup in the control group were significantly greater than those observed in the observational group.” We have revised it to “The changes in ApoA1 levels in the taxane and taxane-plus-anthracycline subgroups of the control group were significantly greater than those in the observational group.” This revision eliminates redundancy and improves clarity.

Changes in the text: see Page 13, line 340-341.

Comment 16: Expand on the implications of findings for clinical practice.

Reply 16: Thank you for your suggestion to expand on the implications of our findings for clinical practice. We have added the following discussion to our manuscript:

1. This finding suggests that SLBZP could serve as a preventive strategy to minimize the adverse effects of chemotherapy on lipid profiles. In clinical practice, SLBZP could be considered as an adjunctive therapy for patients undergoing chemotherapy, particularly those at high risk for dyslipidemia. By reducing LDL-C levels, SLBZP may contribute to the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease in this population.
2. This finding highlights the need for careful monitoring of weight changes in patients receiving SLBZP.
3. This suggests that the choice of chemotherapy regimen should be carefully considered, especially in patients with pre-existing dyslipidemia or at high risk for cardiovascular complications.

Changes in the text: see Page 14-15, line 358-363, line 397-398, line 411-413.

Comment 17: Discuss alternative explanations for observed BMI increases.

Reply 17: Thank you for your suggestion to discuss alternative explanations for the observed increase in BMI in our study. We have added the following discussion to our manuscript:

In addition, the baseline body composition of the observational group may have differed from that of the control group. Patients with lower baseline muscle mass or

higher baseline body fat may be more prone to weight gain during chemotherapy. In summary, the observed increase in BMI in the SLBZP group can be attributed to a combination of factors, including the alleviation of gastrointestinal symptoms by SLBZP and differences in baseline body composition. Further studies are needed to elucidate the specific contributions of these factors.

Changes in the text: see Page 15, line 390-397

Comment 18: Sentence: “This study represented the first investigation into the effects of SLBZP on blood lipid levels and BMI in breast cancer patients undergoing adjuvant chemotherapy.”

- Issue: Tense inconsistency (“represented” should align with present context).
- Suggestion: Revise to “This study is the first to investigate the effects of SLBZP on blood lipid levels and BMI in breast cancer patients undergoing adjuvant chemotherapy.”

Reply 18: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the sentence “This study represented the first investigation into the effects of SLBZP on blood lipid levels and BMI in breast cancer patients undergoing adjuvant chemotherapy.” We have revised it to “This study is the first to investigate the effects of SLBZP on blood lipid levels and BMI in breast cancer patients undergoing adjuvant chemotherapy.” This change aligns the tense with the present context and enhances clarity

Changes in the text: see Page 13, line 343.

Comment 19: Sentence: “The pathogenesis of dyslipidemia included spleen deficiency, impaired movement and metabolism, insufficiency of clear qi, and the accumulation of turbid Yin, which collectively contributed to the generation of dampness and phlegm.”

- Issue: “Included” should match present tense.
- Suggestion: Revise to “The pathogenesis of dyslipidemia includes spleen deficiency, impaired movement and metabolism, insufficiency of clear qi, and the accumulation of turbid Yin...”

Reply 19: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the sentence “The pathogenesis of dyslipidemia included spleen deficiency, impaired movement and metabolism, insufficiency of clear qi, and the accumulation of turbid Yin, which collectively contributed to the generation of dampness and phlegm.” We have revised it to “The pathogenesis of dyslipidemia includes spleen deficiency, impaired movement and metabolism, insufficiency of clear qi, and the accumulation of turbid Yin.” This change aligns the verb tense with the present context, ensuring consistency and clarity.

Changes in the text: see Page 14, line 371.

Comment 20: Add a specific recommendation regarding SLBZP's integration into chemotherapy regimens.

Reply 20: Thank you for your suggestion. We have added a specific recommendation regarding the integration of Shenling Baizhu Powder (SLBZP) into chemotherapy regimens in our manuscript. Here is the relevant section:

Based on the findings from our study and the existing literature, we recommend that breast cancer patients receiving adjuvant chemotherapy consider oral administration of SLBZP, particularly those undergoing taxane-based chemotherapy regimens.

Changes in the text: see Page 18, line 502-504.

Comment 21: Briefly discuss the need for larger, prospective studies.

Reply 21: Thank you for your request. We have briefly discussed the need for larger, prospective studies in our manuscript. Here is the relevant section:

Discussion section: To further validate our findings and enhance the robustness of the conclusions, larger, prospective studies are warranted. Such studies would allow for more rigorous control over variables and a more comprehensive assessment of the long-term effects of SLBZP on patient outcomes. Prospective studies can provide a clearer understanding of the causal relationships between SLBZP use and the observed outcomes by ensuring that data collection is systematic and standardized from the outset. This approach would also enable the inclusion of a broader and more diverse patient population, thereby increasing the generalizability of the findings.

Conclusion section: In summary, while our study offers a promising direction for future research, the need for larger, prospective studies cannot be overstated. These studies will be crucial in confirming the therapeutic potential of SLBZP and guiding clinical practice in the management of breast cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Changes in the text: see Page 17-18, line 485-492, line 504-508.

Comment 22: Sentence: "SLBZP was shown to be efficacious in mitigating chemotherapy-induced dyslipidemia, as evidenced by the absence of significant changes in the TC, TG, and LDL-C levels post-chemotherapy."

- Issue: Overuse of passive voice.
- Suggestion: Revise to "SLBZP effectively mitigated chemotherapy-induced dyslipidemia, as indicated by stable TC, TG, and LDL-C levels post-chemotherapy."

Reply 22: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the sentence "SLBZP was shown to be efficacious in mitigating chemotherapy-induced dyslipidemia, as evidenced by the absence of significant changes in the TC, TG, and LDL-C levels post-chemotherapy." We have revised it to "SLBZP effectively mitigated chemotherapy-induced dyslipidemia, as indicated by stable TC, TG, and LDL-C

levels post-chemotherapy.” This change reduces the use of passive voice and enhances the clarity of the statement.

Changes in the text: see Page 18, line 496-497.

Comment 23: Sentence: “The administration of the taxane-based chemotherapy drugs to patients had greater adverse effects on blood lipid levels and BMI, while the anthracycline-based chemotherapy drugs did not exert a significant effect on these parameters.”

- Issue: Overly complex structure.
- Suggestion: Revise to “Taxane-based chemotherapy drugs had greater adverse effects on blood lipid levels and BMI, whereas anthracycline-based drugs had minimal impact.”

Reply 23: Thank you for your suggestion regarding the sentence “The administration of the taxane-based chemotherapy drugs to patients had greater adverse effects on blood lipid levels and BMI, while the anthracycline-based chemotherapy drugs did not exert a significant effect on these parameters.” We have revised it to “Taxane-based chemotherapy drugs had greater adverse effects on blood lipid levels and BMI, whereas anthracycline-based drugs had minimal impact.” This change simplifies the structure and enhances clarity.

Changes in the text: see Page 18, line 500-502.