

Dear Yuan Qi,

Thank you for consideration of our manuscript for publication in the World Journal of Meta-Analysis and spending time reviewing our article for the second time. We believe the revised manuscript is improved and look forward to your editorial decision. Below, we addressed the reviewers' comments.

Sincerely,

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## **Responses to reviewers' comments**

*It is a very interesting paper and a new approach to manage the adhesive small bowel obstruction. However, from the standpoint of the surgeon there are some conceptual problems. Water-soluble contrast agent (gastrografin ?) is used widely as part of conservative treatment of adhesive small bowel obstruction with good results. For this reason the authors should compare the use of daikenchuto versus conservative treatment including gastrografin.*

We thank the reviewer for the excellent comment. As suggested, since water-soluble contrast agent is the standard of care, comparing water-soluble contrast agent and Daikenchuto is preferable. However, we could not find those articles. We consider this is a limitation of the study so we described it in the limitation part.