

### Answering reviewers

Question1: If the title were a little short and clear it would be better, like “Herb-partitioned moxibustion effect on chronic inflammatory visceral pain through regulating the expression of MEK, ERK and CREB in spinal cord: An experiment on rats”

Answer: The title has been changed as “**Moxibustion eases visceral pain through regulating MEK, ERK and CREB in rats**”.

Question2: The study should include flow chart that contain study design and treatment results in order to ascertain the manuscript

Answer: We have added a flow chart on page 27.

Question3: In the last sentence of the discussion, given main idea and suggestions should be more attractive regarding this study results. Their effect on treatment and pathogenesis of chronic inflammatory pain and IBD should be paid attention in that sentences.

Answer: The corresponding part has been revised as follows: “In summary, the MEK/ERK/CREB signaling pathway is closely associated with the development of CIVP. HPM can alleviate the pain in CIVP rats, and this action is related to inhibition of the MEK/ERK/CREB pathway in the spinal cord”(page 14, line 22 to 25) and “The relationship between these cells and the MEK/ERK/CREB signaling pathway, and the questions in which cells this signaling pathway is activated, and how they bind, acquired further studies”(page 15, line 4 to 7).

In the end, thank you so much for all of your great suggestions which help us to make this manuscript better and complete.