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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting basic study on new traditional Chinese medicine in regulation of proliferation and apoptosis of gastric cancer cells. There are some more details. 1. Please give more information about the Yangzheng Sanjie decoction (YZSJD). Where to find, how much dose should be given, which substance exactly if it is known etc. Give more information about preparation method of the YZSID. 2. Some parts of the discussion should be changed accordance to international scientific standards. E.g. In the second paragraph last sentence: << However, due to clear curative effects and low toxicity, traditional Chinese medicine has been recognized to have health and well-being benefits in cancer treatment>>. This is a basic study and this conclusion cannot be drained from the study. This is an hypothetical conclusion. For western medicine to be persuaded should be conducted further human studies. 3. The authors explain e lot the western medicine method but say very few regarding the preparation of the YZSJD. 4. Which of the components of the regimen the authors believe that have the anticancer



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effect? 5. The authors stated in the third paragraph of the discussion: << YZSJD is a Chinese herbal compound prescribed by Dr. Geng-Xin Chen and has been used to treat gastric precancerous lesions for more than a decade.>>. Is there any experience with this medicine outside China? So if this medicine is used only in China it is difficult to make generalized conclusion to all people. We have to study further. The authors should be more accurate. 6. Which is the possible hypothetical molecular anticancer mechanism of YZSJD ?



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The manuscript is very interesting, I only detect two minimal details on it. First, In the Abstract, section Results, there is probably a mistake in the redaction of the sentence, because the YZSJD induces apoptosis (could change "induced" by "induces"). And the second issue is the preparation of the YZSJD, because is not clear how is made, quantities and proportions of constituents. Results are clear, I don't have objections.