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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a wonderful manuscript and should be published. As an expert in the history and



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practice of fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) in the West, it is fascinating to see the much more ancient history related to the topic in Asia. There are some critical points that should be addressed by the authors.

1. The authors state correctly that the beneficial effects, if any, seen by ancient physicians in Asia using fecal derived products was NOT from reconstitution of the microbiota as we understand it today. That being said, the use of fecal-derived material, even if devoid of normal commensal bacteria, may have induced alterations in the microbiota. This cannot be known without further experimentation, of course. The authors should clarify the manuscript and emphasize that ancient Asian medicine used “fecal-derived” material, not actual feces, when treating patients. One of the most interesting aspects of this manuscript was the processing of the feces in these ancient preparations. This included fermentation and drying, both processes expected to eliminate most if not all of the naturally occurring microbiota. This could be emphasized in the abstract and in the summary. In a nutshell, fecal transplantation as we know it today, formally termed fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT), was NOT practiced in ancient Asia. Again, this should be made very clear.
2. The authors are encouraged to re-evaluate the manuscript by Eiseman and colleagues published in 1958. The authors do not by any means “assume” that the beneficial effects of the FMT are due to an altered microbiota. Indeed, they monitored the microbiota during the course of their prospective study, correctly anticipating the changes that they observed.
3. I am not sure that I understand how the authors ensured that they adequately reviewed the ancient literature. This aspect of the study will be very interesting to the average reader, I believe. Can the authors add more details?
4. Some editing of the English is needed.

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The aim of the authors is to review the methodology and safety of Fecal Microbiota



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Transplantation and the evidence to support its use in treating a variety of diseases and the title reflects this aim but unfortunately LEUNG et coll. describe only the Historical way of the fecal transplant; so the review is incomplete In addition the paper is badly written without innovative and interesting parts.

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