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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript, a letter to editor, provided reasonable suggestion to a published clinical study evaluating the efficacy of Xiaochaihu Decoction (MXD) for gastroesophageal reflux disease (GRED). It can be considered for publication with some revision. The abstract does not seem to be a good summary of the main content of the manuscript and thus need to be improved; The "Core Tips" part is also suggested to rewrite the sentences reasonably in a logical order; The main content of the manuscript is also suggested to rewrite and highlight the explanation of the reason for the recommendations and thus the suggestions on sample size, adverse reaction and the effects of prolonged MXD therapy can be clearly presented for readers. The Logical association between treatment risk in GERD of Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) and MXD need to be clearly presentd, if it does exist.

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The authors comment on study that examined the effect of alternative medicine in treatment of heart burn. It discuss the positives and negatives of the study. However authors should follow more or less the flow of letter to editor. It needs to summarize the status of problem, the actual study design, findings followed by discussing the strength and limitation of the study. By reading this part: me as a reader will not need to go back and read the study. This part will need to be redone for the letter to be accepted in my opinion. I read the letter and was not able to understand what is the actual study discussed was in sufficient detail Then authors need to reflect on the study. Their comments and understanding of the study then how authors think the findings can be applied and discuss future directions.