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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this study, the authors report the protective effects and a contribution to underlying mechanisms of total polysaccharides of the Sijunzi decoction (TPSJ) on the epithelial



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barriers formed by monolayers of Caco-2 cells in the presence or absence of tumor necrosis factor α (TNF- α). The study is interesting and well presented. In Section Introduction; i think that the authors must explain and cite the works conducted by other teams indicating the probable involvement of inflammation in colorectal pathogenesis through Th17 cytokines and NO role (Rafa et al, 2017). In other hand, i suggest that the authors explain the role of pro-inflammatory cytokine in damage observed during inflammatory process in vivo (Toumi et al, 2014, Soufli et al, 2016) I suggest a minor revision

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