



**PEER-REVIEW REPORT**

**Name of journal:** World Journal of Gastroenterology

**Manuscript NO:** 54758

**Title:** Gan Shen Fu Fang ameliorates liver fibrosis via inhibiting the inflammatory response and reducing ERK phosphorylation in vitro and in vivo

**Reviewer’s code:** 02549888

**Position:** Editorial Board

**Academic degree:** DNB, FRCS (Gen Surg), MBBS, MNAMS

**Professional title:** Full Professor

**Reviewer’s Country/Territory:** India

**Author’s Country/Territory:** China

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Peer-Review:
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority)	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision		<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision		Peer-reviewer’s expertise on the topic of the manuscript:
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection		<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
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Yes

No

#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Title: Needs to be modified. Introduction: Satisfactory. Methods: quite elaborate. Results: Well elaborated with figures and tables. Discussion: Describes the effects and mechanisms well. However there are quite a few language errors which need correction. Conclusion well confirmed by the study. A good research article which can be useful for treating liver diseases.

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The authors observed the effects of Gan Shen Fu Fang (GSFF) on liver fibrosis in vivo and in vitro and investigated the mechanism of GSFF from the perspective of the inflammatory response and ERK phosphorylation. The manuscript is interesting. I have a few comments. Major comments. #1. They should cite the manuscript "Du QH, Tang YB, Li WH, Xu Y, Han L, Jia X, Zhao T. The protective effect of Gan Shen Fu Fang on liver endothelial cells in common bile duct-ligated rats. World J Tradit Chin Med 2017;3:21-5". #2. Whether is GSFF cytotoxic for HSC-T6 cells or inhibitory of cell growth? Does GSFF inhibit the viability of cells other than HSC-T6 cell, such as hepatocytes or primary cultured hepatic stellate cells? Minor comments. #1. Fig. 4H. The 2nd bar and 3rd bar must not be "GSFF+", but probably "GSFF-". #2. Figure legends. Fig. 1. There is no description for "\*\*\*\*". #3. Figure legends. Fig. 2. There are no descriptions for " $\Delta$ ", "\*\*\*", and "\*\*\*\*".

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**RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT**

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In the revised version of their manuscript, the authors have properly answered to the points raised by the reviewer.

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