

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: This "letter to the editor" article is worth the prompt publication as it provides additional point of view to the original article.

Response: Thank you very much for your comment on my manuscript.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: Authors reported a letter to Editor entitled: "More studies are necessary to establish the effectiveness of Jinhuang Powder in the treatment of diabetic foot".

Specifically, this is a commentary on the article "Clinical Study of MEBO Combined with Jinhuang Powder for Diabetic Foot with Infection". The topic is the treatment of diabetic foot and its countless applications, mainly focusing on the oriental medicine. However, I would suggest at least a mention of "traditional" approaches to the diabetic foot as well as other pioneering fields of application, for example surgery or vascular radiology. STATUS: ACCETTABLE FOR PUBBLICATION

PENDING MINOR REVISIONS General considerations: This is a LETTER TO EDITOR article.

The work is interesting, the paper is very well-written, and the discussion is wide-ranging. Abstract: the abstract appropriately summarize the manuscript without discrepancies between the abstract and the remainder of the manuscript. Reference: adequate. Please, make the required additions. Paper

On some aspects, the authors should address: 1) About the paper discussed you wrote: "Their work highlights that the use of Jinhuang powder as supplement combined with moist exposed burn ointment (MEBO) as an effective and safe therapy for diabetic foot". You could try to explain more simply what is this Jinhuang powder. I believe that a more simplistic approach would attract more readers, not necessarily oriental ones. 2)As suggested in the general discussions, I believe that at

least a mention of "traditional" approaches to the diabetic foot as well as other pioneering fields of application, for example surgery or vascular radiology. For example, I suggest you to read this other commentary about the interventional radiology in the treatment of diabetic foot: -Reekers JA. The

Role of Interventional Radiology in the Treatment of Arterial Diabetic Foot Disease. *Cardiovasc Intervent Radiol.* 2016;39(10):1369-1371. doi:10.1007/s00270-016-1337-y Additionally, I suggest you to refer to innovative interventional approach such as Cangiano one, who have treated chronic critical limb ischemia (cCLI) patients with no surgical options approach by the creation of an AVF with a IVUS-guided percutaneous deep vein arterialization (pDVA). I would like you briefly discuss about it, citing the following article: -Cangiano G, Corvino F, Giurazza F, et al. Percutaneous Deep Foot Vein Arterialization IVUS-Guided in No-Option Critical Limb Ischemia Diabetic Patients. *Vascular and Endovascular Surgery.* 2021;55(1):58-63. doi:10.1177/1538574420965743

Response: thank you very much for offering the reference. I have added the reference “Reekers JA. The Role of Interventional Radiology in the Treatment of Arterial Diabetic Foot Disease. *Cardiovasc Intervent Radiol.* 2016;39(10):1369-71.” To my manuscript.

Reviewer #3:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Submitted Letter to the Editor refers to the interesting and important issue, that is, the possible effect of the Jinhuang Powder (type of the Traditional Chinese Medicine) on diabetic foot curation. Authors stress the great need to further deepen the analysis of the usefulness of the Jinhuang Powder in the DF treatment providing a comprehensive explanation. In my opinion, the submitted Letter to the Editor is suitable to publish.

Response: Thank you very much for reviewing my manuscript and giving me suggestion.