

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Provenance and peer review: Unsolicited manuscript; Externally peer reviewed

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This article raises that modified Xiao-Cheng-Qi decoction can relieve inflammatory response and improve GI function after surgery. It has clinical significance in some degree. But this article has some problems: 1.The article does not explain how the authors randomly group the subjects. 2.The design of the tables is too simple, specific P values should be supplemented. 3.As an uncommon indicator, substance P is supposed to be briefly introduced in the previous part of the article. 4.The evaluation methods and standards of outcome indicators should be detailed in the methods part. 5.Some indicators have significant difference between groups before the surgery, such as physical activity, incidence of physical diarrhea, does this mean that the baseline is different between the groups?

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1. In the Methods, please state about the blinding status. 2. Please state clearly how you assessed the study outcomes (e.g., bowel sounds, time of first defecation, labs, etc.) 3. Sample size calculation should be mentioned in detail. 4. Please describe how the herbal intervention was prepared and used in more detail. 5. What were your limitations? 6. Figure 1 is a CONSORT flow-diagram. Please cite it in your text. 7. Table 1: Please mention the p-values.

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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Thank you for your revisions.