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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is well organized, coherent and concise. It contains new hypotheses and important therapeutic information about Rikkunshito (TJ-43), improves gastrointestinal disorders by increasing levels of acylated ghrelin, which belongs to the gastrointestinal hormones. The title describes the main aim of the study, i.e. research the effects of TJ-43 in patients who underwent pancreatic surgery. The manuscript correctly describes the background, experimental methods, and data analysis. The discussion is written professionally and solidly. The results are presented concisely, easily and legibly. The objectives of the work have been achieved. The contribution of the study to therapeutic progress is significant, although requires confirmation on a larger group of patients. Charts and tables are of good quality with appropriate legend markings.