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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a detailed review about the history and practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine specifically focussed on some of the GI diseases as described and published. Some skepticism about its practice has been indicated repeatedly due to lack of rationale and confirmation of these herbal drugs with evidence based medicine (EBM). Future studies were recommended to focus on well performed placebo controlled, randomized, double blind clinical trials, considering also herbal product quality and standard criteria of diagnosis, treatment, and outcome. Minor comments. 1) Minor editing and formatting of the text will be required. 2) Suggest that conclusions be expanded based on the findings. The authors are commended for an excellent job on this difficult review.