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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Authors aimed to investigate the effect of herb-partitioned moxibustion (HPM) on the phosphorylation of MEK1, ERK1/2 and CREB in spinal cord of rats with chronic inflammatory visceral pain (CIVP), and to explore the central mechanism of HPM in treating CIVP. This is great exciting and very tough study establishing on rats model. This study suppose that HPM plays its analgesic effect possibly through down-regulating the phosphorylation and mRNA expression of MEK1, ERK1/2 and CREB in spinal cord of CIVP rats, and subsequently inhibiting the activation of MEK/ERK/CREB signal pathway in spinal cord. If the title were a little short and clear it would be better, like "Herb-partitioned moxibustion effect on chronic inflammatory visceral pain through regulating the expression of MEK, ERK and CREB in spinal cord: An experiment on rats". Even some scores are used to detect eased pain in the study; this is rat model after all. Thus, title and discussion should be including less sharp expression. The study should include flowchart that contain study design



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and treatment results in order to ascertain the manuscript. In the last sentence of the discussion, given main idea and suggestions should be more attractive regarding this study results. Their effect on treatment and pathogenesis of chronic inflammatory pain and IBD should be paid attention in that sentences.