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In this study Zheng et al show that JPQCD has potential therapeutic effect on the treatment of ulcerative colitis through the inhibition of NF-κB activation. This is an important mechanistic advancement in our understanding of the herbal product JPQCD and its role in preventing ulcerative colitis. The anti-inflammatory effects of JPQCD and its underlying molecular mechanisms have been correlated using the reduction in the level of pro-inflammatory cytokines (IL-1 β, IL-8 and TNF-a) using qPCR and ELISA. H & E staining of the colon tissue clearly shows that JPQCD has protective effects against DSS induced colon damage in mice. Prior to the acceptance of this manuscript, there are several issues that need to be addressed by the authors.