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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript entitled Herbs-Partitioned Moxibustion Alleviates Aberrant Cell Apoptosis of the Intestinal Epithelium by Upregulating A20 Expression in a Mouse Model of Crohn’s Disease reviewed. The manuscript displays a valuable data about



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Herbs-Partitioned Moxibustion in CD and upregulating A20 to affect intestinal epithelial cell apoptosis in CD. The study design is well. 1 Title. Does the title reflect the main subject/hypothesis of the manuscript? Yes 2 Abstract. Does the abstract summarize and reflect the work described in the manuscript? Yes Authors mention to model of CD in abstract part of manuscript. 3 Key words. Do the key words reflect the focus of the manuscript? In key words added inflammation and A20. 4 Background. Does the manuscript adequately describe the background, present status and significance of the study? Yes 5 Methods. Does the manuscript describe methods (e.g., experiments, data analysis, surveys, and clinical trials, etc.) in adequate detail? Yes 6 Results. Are the research objectives achieved by the experiments used in this study? What are the contributions that the study has made for research progress in this field? The results are adequate and comprehensive. 7 Discussion. Does the manuscript interpret the findings adequately and appropriately, highlighting the key points concisely, clearly and logically? Are the findings and their applicability/relevance to the literature stated in a clear and definite manner? Is the discussion accurate and does it discuss the paper's scientific significance and/or relevance to clinical practice sufficiently? The discussion is adequate and appropriate. 8 Illustrations and tables. Are the figures, diagrams and tables sufficient, good quality and appropriately illustrative of the paper contents? Do figures require labeling with arrows, asterisks etc., better legends? The quality of figure 4 and 5 should be better and the legend complete for abbreviations. 9 Biostatistics. Does the manuscript meet the requirements of biostatistics? Yes 10 Units. Does the manuscript meet the requirements of use of SI units? Yes 11 References. Does the manuscript cite appropriately the latest, important and authoritative references in the introduction and discussion sections? Does the author self-cite, omit, incorrectly cite and/or over-cite references? The references are appropriate. 12 Quality of manuscript organization and presentation. Is the manuscript well, concisely and coherently



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