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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, After reviewing your study, I have several concerns. 1. The rationale of the current study is rough and did not clearly be provided in the Introduction section. What is the unmet medical need of PPPD patients so that they need Rikkunshito ingestion? What is the unsolved problem of Rikkunshito in the past research? Please clearly provide the rationale in the Introduction. 2. Is Rikkunshito a standard treatment for post-PPPD patients? If not, this trial should be a prospective trial rather than retrospective study. 3. When do the subjects be performed insulin secreting test and serum glucose test? In Figure 2, serum incretin and GIP content exhibited time-dependent increase in TJ-43(+) group, which means the time point of insulin test and glucose test is critical. 4. The captions and legends of the figures are too rough to read. Particularly, the figure caption, which explained nothing. Please rewrite them.