

Dear editor and reviewer

It is our honored and pleasure to have received comments of our study from you. We appreciate editors/ reviewer's warm work earnestly. Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for Revising and improving our paper, as well as the important guiding significance to our research. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. And we perform further language polishing that will ensure all grammatical, syntactical, formatting and other related errors be resolved. The revised manuscript will meet the publication requirement.

Review1:

1. It would be interesting to know the effect of DBXF alone on the treatment of LN children.

This is a very good question. We are conducting a clinical efficacy study of DBXF alone in the treatment of lupus nephritis, but one of the inclusion criteria is children with lupus kidney with urine protein less than 500 mg. For children with massive proteinuria, we suggest that a combination of glucocorticosteroids and immunosuppressants is required. It is difficult to replace glucocorticosteroids and immunosuppressants with DBXF, but it can reduce their use time and side effects.

2. An editing of English language is recommended.

This paper has been corrected by professional English editor.

Reviewer #2:

Improvement points: 1) TITLE. Suggested: Dan Bai Xiao Formula combined with glucocorticosteroids and cyclophosphamide for paediatric lupus nephritis: A pilot prospective study

We have replaced the original title with "Dan Bai Xiao Formula combined with glucocorticosteroids and cyclophosphamide for paediatric lupus nephritis: A pilot prospective study"

2) Language: Syntax and phrase mistakes. Examples: lines 23, 24: plus and ...

We have corrected the syntax and phrase mistakes.

3) ABSTRACT METHODS. Study pilot should be mentioned. GCS and CYC were standard of care?

We have mentioned the study pilot. GCS and CYC were standard of care according to the guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of lupus nephritis.

4) Line 31: remission with...changed to defined as... Line 31,32 serum albumin? Renal function? Not clear

We have changed "remission with" with "defined as".

5) INTRODUCTION, Standard of care should be clearly stated. The benefit of TCM with benefits also. Reason to choose the specific formula.

The standard of care had been stated. We explain the benefits and the reason of TCM in more detail.

6) METHODS. Standard of care protocol given in detail.

The standard of care protocol had shown in detail.

7) See REF 1 as model of presentation Conclusion and Recommendation TCM has shown promising results integrated with western standard of care in lupus nephritis (ref 2). The molecular mechanisms explaining its efficacy have been investigated in part (3).

We have carefully read the recommended literature and adopted some of its views.