

Answering reviewers

Review 1

Specific Comments To Authors: This is an interesting study for the effects of Qixue Shuangbu decoction and acupuncture combined with western medicine on immune indexes and digestive tract function in patients with acute severe stroke. The methods are described in detail, and the results are interesting. After a minor editing, this study can be accepted for publication.

Answer: Thank you very much for your recognition, and we will continue to work hard, thank you for your guidance in your busy schedule.

Review 2

Specific Comments To Authors: Long-term nutritional support treatment will lead to abnormal intestinal flora, imbalance of gastrointestinal hormone secretion, and eventually lead to systemic inflammatory response and even flora disorder. In this study, the effects of Qixue Shuangbu Decoction and acupuncture combined with Western medicine on patients with acute severe stroke were observed. The study seems interesting, and well designed. The results are well discussed. Minor comments: 1. The abstract is too long. Please short it. 2. Some minor spelling mistakes should be revised. 3. Please update the references list.

Answer: Thank you very much for your recognition, and we will continue to work hard, thank you for your guidance in your busy schedule. I have revised the article, and please review it.

1. The abstract has been shortened.
2. The manuscript has been proofed and edited carefully again.
3. The references list has been updated.