

Dear Reviewer,

Thank you very much for your suggestion on our manuscript. We have revised the manuscript according to your advice.

Q1: Please include more numerical data in the results section of the abstract, thus implementing p-values.

R: Numerical data in the results section of the abstract has been added in the revised version.

Q2: Please include more numerical data in the results section of the abstract, thus implementing p-values.

R: We have presented the total number of rats in the methods section.

Q3: Please discuss the possible influence of such compound on endothelial function as liver disease can negatively influence endothelial function. Please discuss the paper from Barone M et al. Gastroenterol Res Pract 2015; 2015:682174.

R: Yes, it is well known that liver disease can disrupt endothelial function like the literature showed(**Gastroenterol Res Pract 2015; 2015:682174**), endothelial dysfunction was significantly influenced by the progression of liver fibrosis.

It is pity that we did not evaluate the effect of QGHXR on endothelial function. In the future we should pay attention to the effect of traditional chinese medicine on this parameter, such as the evaluation of flow-mediated vasodilation and circulating adhesion molecules (indirect marker of endothelial dysfunction) and so on. Further studies are needed to verify the findings of this study.

Thank you very much for your suggestion.

Best Regards,

Guang Ji

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The signed documents by corresponding author have been uploaded as a PDF format in the website. The comments have been added in the revised version. The editable figures are shown in PPT attached.

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