

Dear Sir/Madam

Thanks for your comments. Please find my answers below:

1. At present, it is generally considered that GERD is a motility disorder. **According to the preliminary experiment of the research group, the therapeutic effect of Chinese medicine on patients with GERD is mainly reflected in the improvement of esophageal dynamics index.** The influence of Chinese medicine on pH will be further studied in the following study Therefore, pH is not the main observation index of our study.
2. **This clinical trial protocol was reviewed by the ethics committee, and the patients were enrolled in January 2015.** The inclusion criteria and observation indicators were set according to the latest diagnosis and expert consensus on GERD at that time, and the diagnosis of GERD is mainly based on heartburn reflux symptoms and endoscopic manifestations. While, then **Rome IV standard (2016) and Lyon Consensus (2018) were released successively**, suggesting that NERD is heterogeneous, and functional esophageal pH monitoring and impedance-pH monitoring can be used to identify the functionality of Esophageal diseases (e.g., hypersensitivity esophagus, functional heartburn).
3. At that time, pH monitoring and pH impedance testing were not widely used in clinical practice due to low patient acceptance and poor patient compliance. Since the trial was a multi-center and large-sample clinical trial and considering the degree of completion of the trial, pH monitoring was not included in the study.
4. Thanks for your suggestions, which offered us good inspiration for our next research, I also mentioned in the "research limit" of this article, the research only compared clinical symptoms, and pH monitoring before and after treatment was not carried out. The next phase in this research is to carry out in-depth observations on the effect of MXD on acid reflux.

In addition, I have below 2 issues to clarify:

1. **Zhe Li and Lin Tao are the co-first authors of this paper, it would be of great help if you could help me mark Ms. Tao as the co-first author.**
2. There are 2 Chinese journals in the references which are necessary, with only DOI and no PMID.
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Please don't hesitate to contact me if there are any questions.

Best regards,

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