



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	<input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of	(General priority)	Peer-reviewer's expertise on the
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publish	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
		<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection	<input type="checkbox"/> General
			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
			Conflicts-of-Interest:
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript is clearly well-researched and the topic is clinically relevant. However, I found several areas of the manuscript considerably underdeveloped and the writing requires a close edit (ideally by a native speaker of the language) for language and



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grammar. Specific comments: - Please change "Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and functional constipation (FC) are two common functional gastrointestinal disorders in clinical practice" to "Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and functional constipation (FC) are two commonly-encountered functional gastrointestinal disorders in clinical practice". - When you say they are "usually managed in cooperation with Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)", do you refer to TCM methods or TCM physicians? - Please change "Although continuous clinical practice guidelines (CPGs) are developed to assist clinicians with their decisions, there is still blank in management recommendation with Integrative Medicine (IM)" to "Although clinical practice guidelines (CPGs) have been developed to assist clinicians with their decisions, there are still gaps in management with regard to Integrative Medicine (IM) recommendations." - If the authors have a review protocol, and if it can be accessed (web address), include this and also provide the registration information including registration number. Ideally, the authors are required to register with PROSPERO for example, prior to carrying out the systematic review. - I am unsure how the methods answer the intended research question of this article. Although the authors presented a detailed review of current CPGs, they do not help guide the integration of TCM therapies into WM practice. The many TCM formulations provided in Table 6 and 7 are also mostly unavailable outside of China, hence limiting interest in the article and also an understanding of how clinicians could integrate these with current WM drugs. Unlike Western treatment approaches to specific pathologies, treatment in TCM is based on the general constitution of an individual. Hence, diagnosis is based upon identification of disease patterns and translating the pattern of symptoms manifested into specific TCM syndromes that reflect the pathogenesis of the disease, e.g. Qi or blood stagnation and consequently, herbs with properties of promoting blood circulation and eliminating stasis are often used to treat these syndromes. What is therefore the complementary approach to IBS and FC



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management? - In clinical practice, drug-herb interaction is also an area of great concern for doctors and patients alike. However, while drug-drug interaction is well studied, the knowledge in drugherb interaction, especially TCM herbs (in contrast to herbs used in Western folk medicine), is seriously lacking. The usual advice of taking them “two hours apart” (or even four hours) instructed by most TCM practitioners addresses only interaction in the stomach. However, besides absorption, there are downstream processes of distribution, metabolism and excretion which are subjected to pharmacokinetic interaction with other drugs. In addition, pharmacodynamic interaction that may potentiate or antagonise the pharmacological activity needs to be considered too. These questions and more are essential to consider if TCM were to be integrated into WM practice. - Please change "It was recommended by 6 CPGs, while was regard as weak or insufficient evidence by 5 CPGs" to "It was recommended by 6 CPGs, while was regarded as weak or insufficient evidence by 5 CPGs". - Please change "there has been established a relatively comprehensive and practical management algorithm against IBS and FC" to "there are relatively comprehensive management algorithm for IBS and FC already developed." - What is "therapeutic choice for global symptom relieving"?

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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This systematic review of clinical practice guidelines and traditional chinese medicine (TCM). * The originality of this manuscript is to reiew as well occidental drugs as traditional chinese therapeutic. * The quality of this review is the amptitude of drugs



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reported ib booth medicines * The limitis of this review is to put at the same levels all these treatments despitet the proof of efficacy aried strongly according to the treatment and to neglect manipulative treatment as osteopathy or abdominal massage.

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Congratulation, very nice study. Be so kind to emphasize that the review is based on the 2 decades experience.



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