Reviewer’s report

Title: Influence of Ketotifen, Cromolyn Sodium, and Compound 48/80 on the survival rates after intestinal ischemia reperfusion injury in rats

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Major Compulsory Revisions

This article is of considerable interest and potential importance in demonstrating therapeutic strategies for intestinal ischemia and reperfusion injury. This experiment is well designed and conducted, however, the manuscript is not adequately arranged.

Major points.

1. In "Results" section, figures (Figure 3, 4, 5 and 6) are not adequately arranged as seen in completed manuscript. It is difficult to estimate the significance of the results described by authors in the text.

2. In "Materials and Methods" section, the subsection of "Immunohistochemical detection of tryptase in intestine" exists. Which section can we find the figure or interpretation of the result?

Minor points.

3. In page 7, first paragraph.
Concerning to the description of "The surviving rats---- after 75 min intestine ischemia", sham-operated group does not undergo a 75 min ischemia.

4. In addition, there are several (many) misspellings and wrong use of a term.
For example, Cromolun Sdium (Cromolyn Sodium) et al.
Please carefully check the manuscript.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.