Reviewer’s report

Title: Psychological stress decreased iron absorption in rats

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Minor essential revisions:
1. the title was too confirmed about the effect of PS on iron absorption in rats. Should it be “effect of PS on iron absorption in rats”.
2. page2 the 2nd line: “in rats” should be deleted.
3. page2 the 9th line: “that” should be deleted. Or the sentence should be altered as “And we found that the iron apparent absorption and accumulation were decreased in the apical poles of villous ------”.
4. add several keywords.
5. there are many “the”s in this manuscript, please confirm their necessary usage. For example, page4 the 9th line: the control group and the PS group.
6. page8 “Results: PS induced changes in CORT, ACTH and NE”, and page 9 “PS induced changes in ferritin and FPN1 protein expressions”, “in” should be replaced by “of”.
7. page9 “Perl’s staining”: the whole sentence has grammar mistakes.
8. page10 the last 5th line: “It was conclude that------” should be altered as “It was concluded that”.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.