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Title: Metabolic Markers and Microecological Characteristics of Tongue Coating in Patients with Chronic Gastritis

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Dear Editors,

We would like to submit the manuscript “Metabolic Markers and Microecological Characteristics in Patients with Chronic Gastritis” for consideration for possible publication in Elsevier Computers in Biology and Medicine.

In Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), the tongue diagnosis is an important diagnostic method which has a long history and is applied widely. The tongue coating of a person is considered as a symptom to reflect the physical conditions of organs in the body. However, the traditional diagnostic approach is mainly based on observation by doctor's nude eyes, which is non-quantitative and very subjective. Developing new quantification methods to identify the exact syndrome based on the tongue diagnosis of TCM becomes urgent and important. This study focused on exploring metabolic pathways and microecological characteristics of tongue coat in patients with chronic gastritis. This study puts forward a new method and idea for the quantitative examination on tongue diagnosis of TCM, as well as provides a template for objective diagnosis in TCM.

We prepared our manuscript according to "Guidelines for Authors". This paper has not been published or accepted for publication. It is not under consideration at other journals.

Sincerely,

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