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**Title:** Protective effects of Zhuyeqing Liquor on the immune function of normal and immunosuppressed mice in vivo

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Dear editor,

Thank you for your useful comments and suggestions on the language and the structure of our manuscript. We have modified the manuscript accordingly, and the detailed corrections are listed below point by point:

Referees 1: Gamal Ramadan

Minor Essential Revisions

1- The authors reported that "they revised the WHOLE manuscript carefully to avoid language errors. In addition, they asked several colleagues who are skilled authors to check the English and they believe that the language is now acceptable".

Yes, the manuscript become well, but it still has one word that was written many times by both British and American English "defense (American) and defence (British)".

#We have revised the word in American English in the article.

2- Page 6, 1st line: Please add "comma" after "activity".

#We have revised in the article.

3- Results, 3.3, page 12:

- Please add "group" after "control" in the following phrase "with the normal control (p<0.01, Table 3)".

#We have revised in the article.

- Please replace "in" with" compared with" in the following phrase "While, there is no significant difference in normal mice".
# We have revised in the article.

- Please add "significantly" before "increased" and "the" after "with" in the following phrase "ZYQL (200 and 400 mg/kg) increased the activity of LSZ in normal mice compared with normal".

# We have revised in the article.

- Please replace "ZYQL" with "ZYQL, the activity of LSZ was significantly increased" and "Cy" with "Cy only treated" in the following phrase "with 100, 200 or 400 mg/kg of ZYQL compared with Cy group (p<0.05-0.01, Table 3).

# We have revised in the article.

4- Results, 3.4, page 12: please replace "immunosuppress" with "immunosuppression".

# We have revised in the article.

5- Discussion, page 15, 1st paragraph: please replace "immunosuppressed mice (p<0.05-0.01), except" with "immunosuppressed mice (p<0.01), except".

# We have revised in the article.

6- Table 4, page 24:

- Please replace "gprotein" with "g protein".
- Please replace "mgprotein" with "mg protein".

# We have revised in the article.

Reviewer 2: Myung Koo K Lee

1- The results (Table 1 – 4) were analyzed by one-way ANOVA for evaluating the dose-dependent effects of ZYQL. In addition, the results should also be checked by two-way ANOVA test (or other statistical analysis) for evaluating the effects of ZYQL on between cyclophosphamide-untreated groups and cyclophosphamide-treated groups.

# We have checked the result by two-way ANOVA test for evaluating the effects of ZYQL on between cyclophosphamide-untreated groups and cyclophosphamide-treated groups in the article.

2. The manuscript needs to be revised according to the manuscript guidelines. In discussion section, the sentences were speculative and repeatedly described with the results.

In minor, p. 11, Section 3.2: ‘Non-specific immunity - function’ had better move to Introduction or Discussion.

# We have moved the paragraph ‘Non-specific immunity - function’ to Discussion.

p. 2 (abstract): 100, 200, 400 mg/kg, to 100, 200, and 400 mg/kg.

# We have revised in the article.

Table 3: Abbreviations in Title, lysozyme activity, to LSZ

# We have revised in the article.

Table 1 – 4: X ±SD, to mean ± SD, or delete
We have deleted ‘X ±SD’ in the article.