Reviewer's report

Title: Long-term effect of three Tiao-Bu Fei-Shen therapies on NF-kappaB/TGF-beta1/smad2 signaling in rats with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

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Minor Essential Revisions
1-In first sentence of background section in Abstract, provide the clinical areas that the efficacy of the formulation has been confirmed.
2-In conclusion section it is better to use "reduce pulmonary inflammation" instead of "dilute pulmonary inflammation".
3-Keywords must be shorter. Do not use semi-sentences for this section.
4-We can use "In which" at the first of a sentence only if it is a question (Introduction section). Also, the expression "etc." is used after a comma mark, too. Please review your manuscript again for grammatical errors (especially for comma and other punctuation marks and some parts of the text; e.g. “The prescriptions the granules is…”, “euthanasia animals”, “No patent impairment”, “can low level”, etc.). Some places need space, too. For example in page 10, “IL-#were” and “group(p<0.01)”.
5-what is “Habius index”? I didn’t find it in scientific writings.

Discretionary Revisions:
1-It seems that the topic “Discussion” is more suitable instead of “Discussions” for the section. However you can keep this word as long as it is according to journal guideline.
2-Figures and captions are good but the qualities have dropped dramatically. It is recommended to provide them with a better quality

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests