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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Reviewer: Mahdi Vazirian

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Minor Essential Revisions
1- The references must be noted by numbers in the text (Administrations section).
2- I could not find BSI (Body Shape Index) in the references you put in the text.
3- At the end of Methods (Abstract section) there are two dots, instead of one.
4- In "...effects, NF-#B/TGF-#1/smaded signaling..." (Abstract section), comma must be replaced by dot mark.
5- before etc. you must place a comma (and not "and", etc. )
6- In paragraph which begins with "COPD belongs to the category of lung distension..." please replace "ect." with "etc."
7- In the same paragraph please indicate which long term effects have been observed in previous study (i.e. ...improve pulmonary function [12], and have marked long-term effects).
8- Some scientific names must be changed to italic form. There are also names which should not be wrote in italic form (e.g. Radix rehmanniae praeparata)
9- In many places, there must not be a comma mark before the word "and".
10- there are still some grammatical errors and mistypes within the text (e.g. "Lung tissue were (must be: was) homogenized in the cold homogenization..." or "and them (must be: then) incubated with...). Please give it to a professional, checking for errors.

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