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Dear editor:

We’d like to submit our manuscript entitled “Attenuation of early liver fibrosis by herbal compound “Diwu Yanggan” through modulating the balance between epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition and mesenchymal-to-epithelial transition” to BMC Complementary & Alternative Medicine as research article for publication.

Diwu Yanggan capsule (DWYG) has been invented as a new anti-fibrotic Chinese compound herbal preparation, which consists of five Chinese medicinal herbs. Preclinical studies suggested that DWYG might be an effective antagonist of liver fibrosis, but its underlying therapeutic mechanisms on liver fibrosis still remain obscure. Herein, in this paper we investigated the potential anti-fibrotic effect of DWYG on a rat model of CCl$_4$-induced liver fibrosis. Moreover, in order to decipher the clinical efficacy and make better application of DWYG we explored whether its underlying therapeutic mechanism was related to modulating the trans-differentiation process of EMT/MET. Our study provided the basis for DWYG as a new therapeutic agent for treating early liver fibrosis.

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