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Title: Aspiration pneumonia/bronchopneumonia successfully prevented by qing fei tang in two Japanese patients with progressive supranuclear palsy: a case series

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Dear Professor Kidd,

We would like to submit a manuscript entitled “Aspiration pneumonia/bronchopneumonia successfully prevented by qing fei tang in two Japanese patients with progressive supranuclear palsy: a case series” by Ichiro Nozaki, Yuko Kato-Motozaki, Tokuhei Ikeda, Kazuya Takahashi, Atsuro Tagami, Chiho Ishida, and Kiyonobu Komai to be considered for publication as a Case Series in your esteemed journal. The manuscript consists of ten pages and two figures.

Qing fei tang is reported to be effective for recurrent aspiration pneumonia/bronchopneumonia in stroke, but remains unknown about effect on parkinsonian syndrome. We presented two Japanese patients with progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) treated by qing fei tang. After administration of qing fei tang, both patients with PSP showed reduction of the incidence of respiratory infection. Qing fei tang can be an option for treatment of recurrent aspiration pneumonia/bronchopneumonia in PSP.

On behalf of all the contributors I will act and guarantor and will correspond with the journal from this point onward. All authors participated in writing the manuscript and all have agreed to accept equal responsibility for the accuracy of the contents of the paper.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

We look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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