**Dear Editor:**

We are pleased to submit this paper entitled “Compound Prescription Xiaoyaosan Improves Depressive-Like Behaviors of Chronically Stressed Mice” by Zhi-Yi Yan and Xiao-Juan Li for publication as a protocol in *JoVE*.

In this report, we show that Xiaoyaosan, a Chinese herbal formula that has widely used in the treatment of mental disorders, the intervention of Xiaoyaosan has a good effect on the overall improvement of patients with dpression. The current study provides evidence supporting the efficacy of Xiaoyaosan for treating depressive-like behaviors and contributes to a further understanding of the important role of Xiaoyaosan in ameliorating depression. We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication in *JoVE*, because our protocol presents evidence supporting the validity and reliability of complementary and alternative medicine in the treatment of depressive-like behaviors using a traditional Chinese herbal formula.

We hereby declare that we have no potential competing interests. All authors have read and approved the final version of the manuscript. This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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