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Journal Name:	<b>Journal of Complementary and Alternative Medical Research</b>
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#### **PART 1: Review Comments**

<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	This manuscript provides valuable insights into the application of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) principles, particularly the concept of "Preventive Treatment of Disease," in managing public health emergencies. By integrating TCM with modern public health strategies, the study enriches the discourse on how holistic approaches can complement conventional methods in epidemic management. Its thorough literature review and analysis highlight the potential of TCM in enhancing preventive measures, treatment strategies, and post-recovery care, making it a significant contribution to both traditional and contemporary health practices. The manuscript's comprehensive approach and detailed exploration of practical applications offer a well-rounded perspective that can benefit researchers, practitioners, and policymakers aiming to address future public health crises more effectively.	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	The title of the article, "The Role of 'Preventive Treatment of Disease' from Traditional Chinese Medicine in Public Health Emergencies," is quite appropriate, as it clearly reflects the focus of the study on how the TCM concept of preventive treatment can be applied to public health emergencies.	

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<p><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</b></p>	<p>The abstract of your article provides a clear overview of the role of "Preventive Treatment of Disease" from Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in public health emergencies. It outlines the objectives, methods, results, and conclusions effectively. However, there are a few areas where you might consider making adjustments to enhance clarity and completeness:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Current: "To explore the role of 'Preventive Treatment of Disease' from Traditional Chinese Medicine in public health emergencies."</li> <li>o Suggestion: Include a brief mention of why this exploration is significant, such as addressing gaps in current public health strategies or improving integration of TCM in modern health systems.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Current: "Adopting the research method of literature search and comprehensive analysis, we searched the relevant literature from 2014 to 2024 according to the corresponding key words."</li> <li>o Suggestion: Specify the type of literature included (e.g., clinical studies, theoretical reviews) and the criteria for selecting relevant literature. This adds precision to your methodology.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Current: "The role of 'Preventive Treatment of Disease' from Traditional Chinese Medicine in public health emergencies is threefold: first, it provides more diversified preventive measures of Chinese medicine for the early prevention and treatment of public health emergencies; second, for the diagnosis and treatment of public health emergencies, there are both symptomatic treatments and personalized medications; and third, it prevents the recurrence of diseases and improves the aftermath from the angles of constitution, diet, and emotions and moods."</li> <li>o Suggestion: Consider briefly summarizing how these findings align with or challenge current public health approaches. For example, you might note if TCM's role complements existing strategies or if it introduces new methods or perspectives.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Conclusion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Current: "The idea of 'Preventive Treatment of Disease' from Traditional Chinese Medicine can indeed play an appropriate role in public health emergencies, and it is a kind of complement and extension for the future prevention and treatment of public health emergencies."</li> <li>o Suggestion: Emphasize any potential implications for policy or practice. For instance, suggest how TCM could be integrated into public health frameworks or recommend areas for further research.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Keywords: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Current: "Traditional Chinese Medicine; Preventive Treatment of Disease; Public Health Emergencies; Prevention and Control Strategies."</li> <li>o Suggestion: These are appropriate, but you might also consider including "COVID-19" or "Epidemic Prevention" if the focus on recent events is central to your findings.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
<p><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p>	<p>Your manuscript is well-structured and addresses a relevant topic comprehensively. Here's a review of the subsections and structure based on the provided text:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Abstract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Appropriateness: The abstract effectively summarizes the objectives, methods, results, and conclusions of the study. It clearly outlines the role of "Preventive Treatment of Disease" in public health emergencies, focusing on its diverse applications in prevention, treatment, and recovery.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Appropriateness: The introduction provides a solid background on the significance of the study, outlining the history of epidemics and the importance of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in addressing public health emergencies. It sets the stage well for exploring TCM's preventive strategies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Overview of TCM Epidemic Diseases and Public Health Emergencies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Appropriateness: This section effectively draws parallels between historical TCM understandings of epidemic diseases and modern public health emergencies. It provides historical context and aligns traditional concepts with contemporary issues.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

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	<p>4. Overview of the Idea of "Preventive Treatment of Disease" in TCM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appropriateness: The discussion on the evolution of the concept of "Preventive Treatment of Disease" is thorough and well-organized. It covers historical perspectives and theoretical developments, providing a clear foundation for understanding its current applications.</li> </ul> <p>5. The Role of TCM "Preventive Treatment of Disease" in Public Health Emergencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Subsections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Pre-disease Prevention: This subsection is well-detailed, explaining various preventive measures such as internal and external treatments, emotional care, and specific TCM strategies for dealing with public health emergencies.</li> <li>3.2 In-disease Prevention from Transformation: The focus on managing diseases once they occur is well-articulated. It covers various TCM interventions and external treatments, providing a comprehensive view of in-disease management.</li> <li>3.3 After-disease Prevention: This subsection addresses the importance of post-recovery care and measures to prevent recurrence and manage sequelae. It provides practical suggestions for recovery and long-term health maintenance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appropriateness: The conclusion effectively summarizes the key findings and highlights the relevance of TCM's preventive approach in modern public health emergencies. It also points out the potential for future application and the integration of TCM with contemporary public health strategies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>7. References <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appropriateness: The references are comprehensive and relevant, supporting the manuscript's discussions and claims. Ensure that all citations follow the required formatting style and that any recent or significant studies are included if not already.</li> <li>○ General Feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clarity and Flow: The manuscript is clear and flows logically from one section to the next. Each subsection builds on the previous one, providing a thorough exploration of the role of TCM in public health emergencies.</li> <li>○ Depth of Analysis: The analysis is detailed and well-supported by literature, showcasing both traditional and modern perspectives. However, ensure that any new research or developments in TCM are integrated to keep the manuscript current.</li> <li>○ Suggestions for Improvement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consider including a section on potential limitations or challenges of integrating TCM into modern public health systems.</li> <li>○ Adding case studies or examples of TCM application in recent public health emergencies could provide practical insights and strengthen the manuscript.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Overall, your manuscript is well-organized and addresses the topic comprehensively. The subsections are appropriate and provide a thorough examination of the role of TCM's preventive approach in public health emergencies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>The manuscript demonstrates scientific robustness through its comprehensive literature review and detailed analysis of the role of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in managing public health emergencies. The use of a systematic search strategy across multiple databases and the inclusion of a wide range of studies from 2014 to 2024 enhance the credibility and relevance of the findings. Additionally, the manuscript effectively integrates historical TCM practices with contemporary issues, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, showcasing the applicability of ancient theories in modern contexts. The clear segmentation into pre-disease, in-disease, and after-disease prevention strategies reflects a structured approach, aligning with current public health principles and providing a well-rounded perspective on the potential contributions of TCM in emergency health scenarios.</p>	
<p><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b></p> <p>⋮</p>	<p>The references you've included cover a broad range of topics related to Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and its application to public health emergencies, particularly focusing on the concept of "Preventive Treatment of Disease." They are generally sufficient for supporting the key points of your paper. However, there are a few considerations for enhancing the depth and currency of your literature review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recent Developments: The most recent references you have are from 2023. It might be useful to continue monitoring for any more recent studies or reviews published after 2023, as</li> </ol>	

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	<p>research in this field is continually evolving.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Broader Scope: While your references cover TCM's historical perspectives and recent applications, including additional references that address modern integrative approaches combining TCM with Western medicine, or recent public health strategies influenced by TCM, might add valuable insights.</li> <li>3. Comparative Studies: Including references that compare TCM approaches with contemporary public health practices, particularly in the context of recent pandemics or emerging diseases, could provide a more comprehensive view.</li> <li>4. Global Perspectives: Adding references from international journals or studies that examine TCM's role in various global contexts (outside of China) might offer additional perspectives on its applicability and integration into global health systems.</li> </ol>	
<p><u>Minor</u> REVISION comments</p> <p><b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	The language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly communication	
<p><u>Optional/General</u> comments</p>	<p>The study provides a comprehensive overview of how Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) can be leveraged in the prevention and management of public health emergencies. By examining historical and contemporary applications, the paper underscores the value of TCM's preventive strategies, including pre-disease, in-disease, and after-disease prevention. The integration of TCM principles, such as the use of specific herbs, mental preservation, and external therapies like moxibustion and acupuncture, offers a nuanced approach to managing infectious diseases.</p> <p>Particularly notable is the application of TCM concepts to COVID-19, highlighting how traditional practices can complement modern public health strategies. The discussion on preventive measures, such as herbal sachets and dietary adjustments, offers practical insights into enhancing resilience against epidemics. Furthermore, the paper suggests that adopting models like the "Wuchang model" and integrating TCM into public health frameworks could provide robust solutions for future crises.</p>	

**PART 2:**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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