Zang Fu 2 Class: Combined Organ Patterns

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COMBINED PATTERNS

These involve more than one organ. Those involving paired organs, such as spleen and stomach, were discussed in Zang Fu 1 Class.

Liver qi invading the spleen 肝氣犯脾	
Both	Alternating constipation and diarrhea, sometimes dry stool sometimes loose stool
Liver qi depression	Irritable, rib-side distention and pain, sighing
Spleen qi vacuity	Abdominal distention and pain, flatulence, fatigue
Tongue	Normal or slightly red on the sides
Pulse	Bowstring (wiry) weak
Mechanisms	If spleen is weak or liver is too strong, the liver can invade horizontally.
Treatment Principle	Course the liver and supplement the spleen.
Acu-Moxa Treatment	Zhang Men (LV 13), Qi Men (LV 14), Tai Chong (LV 3), Yang Ling Quan (GB 34), Qi Hai (Ren 6), Tian Shu (ST 25), Da Heng (SP 15), Zhong Wan (Ren 12), Zhi Gou (SJ 6), Zu San Li (ST 36), San Yin Jiao (SP 6), Nei Guan (PC 6). Drain points for the liver, supplement points for the spleen.
Formula	1. 逍遙散 xiao yao san

Liver qi invading the stomach 肝氣犯胃	
Liver qi depression	Irritability, rib-side distention and pain, sighing
Counterflow	Epigastric oppression, acid reflux, hiccups, belching, nausea,
stomach qi	vomiting
Tongue	Normal or slightly red on the sides
Pulse	Bowstring (wiry) weak
Mechanisms	Stomach qi should descend, but if the liver invades horizontally, it cannot pass through, so it returns back upward.
Treatment Principle	Course the liver, descend stomach qi.
	Qi Men (LV 14), Yang Ling Quan (GB 34), Shang Wan (Ren 13),
Acu-Moxa	Xia Wan (Ren 10), Liang Men (ST 21), Bu Rong (ST 19), Zu San Li
Treatment	(ST 36), Liang Qiu (ST 34), Wei Shu (UB 21).
	Drain all except possibly Zu San Li (ST 36).
Formula	2. 四磨湯 si mo tang

Liver fire invading the lungs 肝火犯肺	
Both	Red face, thirst, scant dark urine, bound stool
Liver fire	Rib-side fullness and distention, headache, dizzy, bitter taste, bloodshot eyes
Lungs	Chest fullness and distention, breathlessness, asthma, cough and cannot catch breath, yellow or blood tinged sputum,
Tongue	Red body, dry yellow coat
Pulse	Bowstring (wiry)
Mechanisms	Liver fire melts metal. Fire rises and the liver is below the lungs, so it is easily affected.
Treatment	Clear the liver, drain fire, descend lung qi, clear heat and moisten the
Principle	lungs.
Acu-Moxa Treatment	Drain Xing Jian (LV 2), Tai Chong (LV 3), Qi Men (LV 14), Dan Zhong (Ren 17), Tian Tu (Ren 22), Nei Guan (PC 6), Lie Que (LU 7), Qu Chi (LI 11). No moxa.
Formula	3. 龍膽瀉肝湯 long dan xie gan tang plus 蘇子 su zi, 桑白皮 sang bai pi, and 竹茹 zhu ru

Liver-kidney yin vacuity 肝腎陰虛	Also known as: Liver and kidney yin deficiency
	Dizzy, tinnitus, deafness, low back ache, dull headache, dry
Kidney yin vacuity	throat, dry hair and skin, night sweats, dry stools, nocturnal emissions, infertility
T :	Insomnia, numb tingling limbs, dry eyes, blurred vision, brittle
Liver yin vacuity	nails, dry vagina, scant periods or amenorrhea
Tongue	Red dry body, little or no coating
Pulse	Rapid fine
Mechanisms	There may be more or less heat.
Treatment Principle	Nourish liver and kidney yin.
	Supplement Tai Xi (KI 3), Zhao Hai (KI 6), Qu Quan (LV 8),
Acu-Moxa Treatment	Guan Yuan (Ren 4), Shen Shu (UB 23), Qi Xue (KI 13), San
	Yin Jiao (SP 6).
Formula	4. 左歸丸 zuo gui wan

Non-interaction of heart and kidneys 心腎不交	Also known as: kidneys and heart not harmonized
Kidney yin vacuity	Sore weak low back and knees, dizzy, tinnitus or deafness, nocturnal emission with dreams, emaciation, five heart heat, tidal fever or low fever, night sweats, red cheeks, thirst, dry throat at night, scant dark urine, bound stool
Heart fire	Palpitations, difficulty sleeping, dream-disturbed sleep, poor memory, anxiety, vexation, erosion and scorching pain of the lips and tongue
Tongue	Red body, yellow coat or no coat
Pulse	Bowstring (wiry) rapid or fine rapid
Mechanisms	This heart fire may be due to heart yin vacuity, so there may be a need to nourish heart yin as well, not just drain heart fire. Fire (heart) flares up, water (kidneys) is insufficient to cool and descend it.
Treatment Principle	Enrich yin, downbear fire, promote interaction of heart and kidneys.
Acu-Moxa Treatment	Supplement Tai Xi (KI 3), Zhao Hai (KI 6), Yin Gu (KI 10), Zhu Bin (KI 9), Guan Yuan (Ren 4), San Yin Jiao (SP 6). Drain Xin Shu (UB 15), Shen Men (HT 7), Yin Xi (HT 6), Tong Li (HT 5). Even technique on yin tang (non-channel), Jiu Wei (Ren 15), Shen Ting (Du 24).
Formula	5. 天王補心丹 tian wang bu xin dan

Lung-kidney yin vacuity 肺腎陰虛	Also known as: Lung and kidney yin deficiency
Both	Red cheeks, tidal fever, night sweats, five heart heat, dry mouth and throat, thin body, bound stool
Lung yin vacuity	Hoarse voice, dry cough worse in the evening (without phlegm, with little phlegm, or with blood streaked phlegm), breathlessness
Kidney yin vacuity	Sore weak low back and knees, dizziness, tinnitus or deafness, scant urine
Tongue	Red dry tongue, little or no coat
Pulse	Fine rapid
Mechanisms	There may be more or less heat.
Treatment Principle	Enrich and supplement the lungs and kidneys.
Acu-Moxa Treatment	Supplement Tai Xi (KI 3), Zhao Hai (KI 6), Lie Que (LU 7) with Zhao Hai (KI 6), Guan Yuan (Ren 4), Qi Xue (KI 13), Tai Yuan (LU 9), Zhong Fu (LU 1), San Yin Jiao (SP 6), Gao Huang (UB 43). No moxa except for Gao Huang (UB 43).
Formula	6. 八仙長壽丸 ba xian chang shou wan

Liver-heart blood vacuity 肝心血虛		
Both	Dizzy, dull pale face, pale lips, muscular weakness, dry hair and skin	
Liver blood	Easily startled, blurred vision, diminished night vision, numb tingling	
vacuity	limbs, scant periods or amenorrhea, cramps, withered brittle nails	
Heart blood	Palpitations, insomnia, dream-disturbed sleep, poor memory, anxiety,	
vacuity	depression	
Tongue	Pale thin body	
Pulse	Rough or fine	
Mechanisms	See liver blood vacuity and heart blood vacuity.	
Treatment	Nourish blood, supplement the heart and liver, calm the spirit, settle	
Principle	the ethereal soul.	
Acu-Moxa Treatment	Supplement Shen Men (HT 7), Nei Guan (PC 6), Ju Que (Ren 14), Guan Yuan (Ren 4), Jiu Wei (Ren 15), Ge Shu (UB 17), Gan Shu (UB 18), Pi Shu (UB 20), Qu Quan (LV 8), San Yin Jiao (SP 6), Zu San Li (ST 36). Moxa is appropriate.	
Formula	7. 歸脾湯 gui pi tang	

Spleen-liver blood vacuity 脾肝血虚		
Both	Fatigue, pale complexion, thin body, dizziness, pale lips, dry hair and	
Doth	skin, slight depression	
Spleen qi	Poor appetite, slight distention after eating, weak limbs, loose stool,	
vacuity	muscular weakness	
Liver blood	Scant periods or amenorrhea, insomnia, numb limbs, blurred vision,	
vacuity	diminished night vision, cramps, brittle withered nails	
Tongue	Pale dry body	
Pulse	Rough or fine	
Mechanisms	Due to diet, blood loss, taxation.	
Treatment	Supplement spleen qi, nourish liver blood.	
Principle	Supplement speen qi, nourisii river blobd.	
	Supplement Qu Quan (LV 8), San Yin Jiao (SP 6), Guan Yuan (Ren 4),	
Acu-Moxa Treatment	Gan Shu (UB 18), Shen Shu (UB 23), Zhong Wan (Ren 12), Zu San Li	
	(ST 36), Tai Bai (SP 3), Pi Shu (UB 20), Wei Shu (UB 21), Ge Shu	
	(UB 17) (direct moxa).	
	Moxa is appropriate.	
Formula	7. 歸脾湯 gui pi tang	

Dual vacuity of heart and spleen 心脾俱虚	Also known as: Spleen and heart blood vacuity
Both	Pale lusterless or withered yellow face, fatigue, pale lips and
Dotti	nails, dizziness, scant periods
Heart blood vacuity	Palpitations, vexation, difficulty sleeping, dream-disturbed
Heart blood vacuity	sleep, poor memory, anxiety, easily startled
Spleen qi vacuity	Short breath, dislikes speaking, lack of strength, poor appetite,
Spieen qi vacuity	abdominal distention, loose stool
Tongue	Pale thin body
Pulse	Rough or fine
Mechanisms	Due to diet, emotions, taxation, blood loss.
Treatment Principle	Supplement and boost the heart (blood) and spleen (qi).
	Supplement Shen Men (HT 7), Nei Guan (PC 6), Ju Que (Ren
Acu-Moxa	14), Jiu Wei (Ren 15), Guan Yuan (Ren 4), Ge Shu (UB 17)
Treatment	(moxa), Pi Shu (UB 20), Zhong Wan (Ren 12), Zu San Li (ST
I reatment	36), San Yin Jiao (SP 6).
	Moxa is appropriate.
Formula	7. 歸脾湯 gui pi tang

Heart-lung qi vacuity 心肺氣虛	Also known as: Heart and lung qi deficiency
Both	Pale bright face, dislikes speaking, lack of strength, tired
Heart qi vacuity	Palpitations, easily frightened, difficulty sleeping, forgetfulness, spirit fatigue
Lung qi vacuity	Spontaneous sweating, weak voice, rapid breathing, slight breathlessness, forceless cough or panting, copious thin white phlegm, dislikes speaking, easily catches colds
Tongue	Pale body, thin white coat
Pulse	Fine weak
Mechanisms	Due to emotions, taxation. Can lead to heart blood vacuity or stagnation of qi in the chest.
Treatment Principle	Supplement and boost the qi of the heart and lungs.
Acu-Moxa Treatment	Supplement Tai Yuan (LU 9), Lie Que (LU 7), Qi Hai (Ren 6), Fei Shu (UB 13), Shen Zhu (Du 12), Zu San Li (ST 36), Zhong Wan (Ren 12), Tong Li (HT 5), Nei Guan (PC 6), Xin Shu (UB 15), Dan Zhong (Ren 17). Moxa is appropriate.
Formula	8. 四君子湯 si jun zi tang plus 黃耆 huang qi

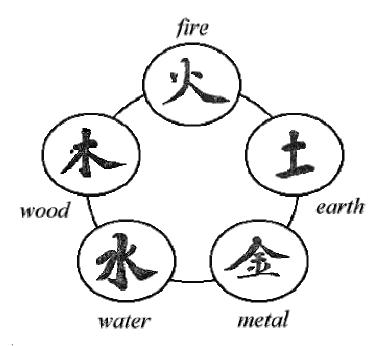
Lung-spleen qi vacuity 肺脾氣虛	Also known as: Lung and spleen qi deficiency
Both	Short breath, dislikes speaking, fatigue, lack of strength, frequent
	spontaneous sweating, pale face
Lung qi vacuity	Weak voice, hasty breathing, slight short breath, forceless cough or panting, copious thin white phlegm, spontaneous sweating, easily catches colds
Spleen qi vacuity	Poor appetite, abdominal distention after eating, sloppy stool, tends toward obesity
Tongue	Pale body, thin white coat
Pulse	Weak
Mechanisms	Due to diet, lifestyle. Can lead to damp or phlegm.
Treatment Principle	Supplement and boost the lungs and spleen.
	Supplement Tai Yuan (LU 9), Lie Que (LU 7), Qi Hai (Ren 6), Fei
Acu-Moxa	Shu (UB 13), Shen Zhu (Du 12), Zu San Li (ST 36), Zhong Wan
Treatment	(Ren 12), Tai Bai (SP 3), San Yin Jiao (SP 6), Pi Shu (UB 20), Wei
	Shu (UB 21).
Formula	8. 六君子湯 liu jun zi tang

Heart-kidney yang vacuity 心 腎陽虛	Also known as: Heart and kidney yang deficiency
Both	Lack of strength, prefers lying down, likes to sleep, feels cold, cold limbs, sloppy stool
Heart yang vacuity	Palpitations, easily frightened, fatigued spirit
Kidney yang vacuity	Sore low back, weak knees, dizziness, tinnitus, clear urine
Tongue	Pale fat body, moist white coat
Pulse	Deep fine slow weak
Mechanisms	See heart yang vacuity and kidney yang vacuity sections.
Treatment Principle	Warm and supplement heart and kidney yang.
Acu-Moxa Treatment	Supplement Tong Li (HT 5), Nei Guan (PC 6), Xin Shu (UB 15), Ming Men (Du 4), Shen Shu (UB 23), Zhi Shi (UB 52), Dan Zhong (Ren 17), Guan Yuan (Ren 4), Qi Hai (Ren 6), Da Zhui (Du 14), Tai Xi (KI 3), Fu Liu (KI 7). Moxa is necessary.
Formula	9. 真武湯 zhen wu tang

Spleen-kidney yang vacuity 脾腎陽虛	Also known as: Spleen and kidney yang deficiency
Both	Bright pale face, feels cold, cold limbs, no thirst, tired, desire to lie down
Spleen yang vacuity	Bland taste, poor appetite, distention after eating, loose stool, chronic diarrhea
Kidney yang vacuity	Dizziness, tinnitus, cold pain and weakness of the low back and knees, fifth watch diarrhea, impotence, decreased sexual desire, abundant clear urine, nocturia, edema in the legs
Tongue	Pale body, white moist coat
Pulse	Deep fine slow weak
Mechanisms	Can have yang vacuity water swelling – edema, puffy face and limbs.
Treatment Principle	Warm and supplement the spleen and kidneys.
Acu-Moxa Treatment	Supplement Shen Shu (UB 23), Ming Men (Du 4), Guan Yuan (Ren 4), Qi Hai (Ren 6), Tai Xi (KI 3), Fu Liu (KI 7), Zhi Shi (UB 52), Zhong Wan (Ren 12), Shui Fen (Ren 9), Zu San Li (ST 36), Tai Bai (SP 3), Pi Shu (UB 20), Wei Shu (UB 21), Shang Ju Xu (ST 37), Tian Shu (ST 25), Da Chang Shu (UB 25). Moxa is necessary.
Formula	10. 附子理中丸 fu zi li zhong wan

Appendix: Five-Element Relationships of the Organs

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- \pm Engendering: The mother feeds the son. Wood feeds fire.
- 泄 Draining: The son drains the mother. Wood drains water.
- 剋 Restraining: The grandmother righteously disciplines the grandchild. Wood restrains earth.
- 乘 Overwhelming: The grandmother excessively disciples the grandchild. Wood overwhelms earth.
- 侮 Rebellion: The grandchild rebels against the discipline of the grandmother. Wood rebels against metal.

Diseases or patterns can be transferred from one organ to another in this way.

- To treat a disease in one organ, we can often treat the mother or grandmother or son instead of treating it directly.
- To treat a disease affecting two organs, we can often harmonize it using five-element theory.

Liver		
Liver wood overwhelming	rib-side, epigastric, and/or abdominal pain, vomiting,	
the spleen	diarrhea, etc.	
Wood (liver) fire	coughing blood, spitting blood, chest pain, easily angered,	
tormenting metal	tidal fever, etc.	
Wood exuberance and	bleeding, easily angered, severe headache, etc. Mania in	
scorching fire	severe cases.	
Liven we entity offersting the	dizziness, dry eyes, sore weak low back and knees, dry or	
Liver vacuity affecting the kidneys	sore throat, night sweating, dream emissions or irregular	
Kidneys	menses, etc.	

Heart		
Effulgent fire scorching	vexation, sores on mouth or tongue, cough, bloody sputum,	
metal	etc.	
Blood not nourishing the	palpitations, insomnia, dim vision, dizziness, headache,	
liver	numb limbs, pulling pain of the sinews, etc.	
Fire not engendering earth	fear of cold, cold limbs, palpitations, flustered, qi timidity,	
	low voice, diminished appetite, fatigue, sloppy stools, puffy	
	swelling, scant urine, etc.	
Heart and kidneys not	insomnia, night sweating, seminal emission, night time	
communicating	urination, etc.	

Spleen	
Spleen-lung vacuity	qi timidity, low voice, shortness of breath from activity, sighing, heavy limbs, fatigue, poor appetite, possibly enduring forceless cough or wheezing, copious thin white
Congestion of earth with constraint of wood	sputum, etc. Abdominal or rib-side distention, poor appetite, dizziness, easily angered, epigastric fullness, etc.
Spleen vacuity with liver overwhelming	poor appetite, abdominal and epigastric pain, belching sour fluids, easily angered, nightmares, irregular menses, etc.
Dual vacuity of heart and spleen	fatigued spirit, lassitude, dizziness, palpitations, insomnia, forgetfulness, weak limbs, poor appetite, sloppy stools, etc.
Spleen vacuity unable to restrain water	water swelling, fear of cold, cold limbs, cold pain of the low back and abdomen, poor appetite, sloppy stools, scant urine, etc.

Lungs		
Lung vacuity affecting the spleen, phlegm-water intimidating the heart	panting, shortness of breath. If extreme, cannot lie down, palpitations, copious phlegm, cough, etc.	
Lung vacuity causing qi not to transform into essence, instead into water	kidney water floods so water swelling, etc.	
Lung vacuity affecting the kidneys	tidal fever, night sweating, shortness of breath, panting, possibly cough with bloody sputum, sore low back, weak legs, dream emissions, irregular menses, etc.	
Lung vacuity unable to calm the liver	cough, shortness of breath, vomiting blood, nosebleeds, piercing chest and rib-side pain, easily angered, insomnia, possibly irregular menses, etc.	

Kidneys		
Kidney yin vacuity with	dizziness, headache, tinnitus, insomnia, vexation, agitation,	
hyperactivity of liver yang	easily angered, sore low back, etc.	
	Mild: low essence-spirit, lusterless face, puffy swelling,	
Debility of life gate fire	lassitude, prefers to lie down, copious urination, sore low	
and non-arousal of spleen	back, impotence, seminal emission, etc.	
yang	If severe: Heart fire is debilitated, reverting cold of the	
	limbs, faint pulse about to expire, etc.	
Inability of kidney water	vexation, cannot fall asleep, mouth or tongue sores, short	
to rise and save heart fire	yellow urine, etc.	
The relationship of kidney	Yang expiring: great dripping sweat, collapse of yang, etc.	
yin and yang	Yin expiring: sweat like pearls, collapse of yin, etc.	

These are only examples; other patterns are possible.

The Formulas

1. 逍遙散 (xiao yao san) Rambling Powder (Ju Fang)		
chai hu	course the liver	
dang gui	move and supplement blood	
bai shao	soften the liver	
bai zhu	strengthen the spleen	
fu ling	strengthen the spleen	
zhi gan cao	envoy, strengthen the spleen	
Course liver qi, strengthen the spleen, nourish blood.		

2. 四磨湯 (si mo tang)	Four Milled Herb Decoction (Ji Sheng Fang)	
wu yao	move liver qi	
bing lang	move qi, transform stagnation	
chen xiang	descend qi	
ren shen	supplement and protect qi	
Descend counterflow qi, expand the chest, move depressed liver qi.		

3. 龍膽瀉肝湯 (long dan xie gan tang) Gentian Liver Draining Decoction

U N	
long dan cao	drain repletion heat from liver gallbladder, eliminate damp-heat
huang qin	drain fire, eliminate damp
zhi zi	drain fire, eliminate damp
mu tong	drain heat, eliminate damp heat
che qian zi	drain heat, eliminate damp heat
ze xie	drain heat, eliminate damp heat
chai hu	disperse heat from liver gallbladder qi
sheng di huang	protect yin and blood
dang gui	protect yin and blood
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Drain repletion fire from the liver-gallbladder, clear and drain damp heat from the lower burner.

4. 左歸	丸 (zuo gui wan) Restore the Left [Kidney] Pill (Zhang Jiebin)
	shu di huang	nourish liver and kidney yin, nourish blood
	shan yao	nourish liver, supplement the spleen
	gou qi zi	nourish liver and kidney yin
	shan zhu yu	nourish liver and kidney yin, supplement the spleen
	chuan niu xi	move blood
	tu si zi	nourish liver and kidney yin
	lu jiao jiao	warm and supplement kidney yang, replenish essence and marrow
	gui jiao	nourish yin and blood

Nourish yin, supplement kidney, supplement essence, benefit marrow.

5. 天王補心丹 (tian wang bu xin dan) Heavenly Emperor Heart Supplementing Elixir		
	nourish yin, clear heat	
dan shen	nourish heart blood without causing stasis	
dang gui	nourish heart blood without causing stasis	
ren shen	assist heart qi	
fu ling	assist heart qi	
yuan zhi	calm the spirit	
bai zi ren	calm the spirit	
tian men dong	nourish yin, clear heat	
mai men dong	nourish yin, clear heat	
xuan shen	nourish yin, clear heat	
wu wei zi	prevent leakage of heart qi	
suan zao ren	prevent leakage of heart qi	
jie geng	conducts the formula up	
zhu sha	anchors and calms the spirit (illegal in California)	
Enrich yin, nourish blood, supplement the heart, calm the spirit.		

6. For 八仙長壽丸 (ba xian chang shou wan) Eight Immortals Pill for Longevity, add mai men dong and wu wei zi to 六味地黃丸 (liu wei di huang wan) *Six Ingredient Rehmannia Pill* (Qian Yi), which contains

	shu di huang	enrich kidney yin and essence
	shan zhu yu	nourish liver, restrain leakage of essence
	shan yao	stabilize essence, supplement spleen
	fu ling	drain damp, strengthen spleen
	mu dan pi	drain liver fire
	ze xie	drain kidney fire
Enrich	yin, nourish the	lungs and kidneys.

7. 歸脾湯 (gui pi tang) Return the Spleen Decoction (Ji Sheng Fang)

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dang gui	supplement and move blood			
ren shen	supplement qi			
bai zhu	supplement qi			
fu ling	drain damp, supplement qi			
zhi gan cao	envoy, supplement qi			
huang qi	supplement and raise qi			
long yan rou	nourish blood, calm the spirit			
suan zao ren	calm the spirit			
yuan zhi	calm the spirit			
mu xiang	regulate qi			
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Supplement spleen qi and nourish heart blood.

8. 四君子湯 (si jun zi tang) Four Gentleman Decoction (Ju Fang)

ren shen supplement spleen qi

bai zhu supplement spleen qi, transform dampness

fu ling drain dampness, supplement spleen qi

zhi gan cao envoy, supplement spleen qi

Boost qi, supplement the spleen and stomach.

For 六君子湯 (liu jun zi tang) Six Gentlemen Decoction, add chen pi and ban xia to transform phlegm.

9.	真武湯 (zhen	wu tang) True	Warrior Decoction	(Shang Han Lun)
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Tu Zi	restore kidney yang
bai zhu	strengthen spleen
fu ling	promote urination
sheng jiang	warm and dispel water evils
bai shao	preserve yin, alleviate pain

Warm yang, promote urination.

gan jiang warm spleen-stomach yang, eliminate interior cold

ren shen supplement source qi, reinforce yang

bai zhu supplement spleen-stomach, dry damp

zhi gan cao harmonize, boost middle burner qi

Warm the middle burner, strengthen the spleen and stomach.

For 附子理中丸 (fu zi li zhong wan) Aconite Center Rectifying Decoction, add fu zi aconite. This warms yang, dispels cold, boosts qi, strengthens the spleen.