Reviewer's report

**Title:** Heme Iron Polypeptide For The Treatment Of Iron Deficiency Anemia In Non-Dialysis Chronic Kidney Disease Patients: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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**Reviewer's report:**

The authors revised the manuscript according to my suggestions. However, there are some serious concerns about the revised manuscript.

(1) I requested the authors to show the p-values to compare the oral HIP group to the IV iron sucrose group in Table 1. However, the authors have just added the p-value about hemoglobin concentration in page 6. The authors should show the p-values about all of the baseline characteristics in Table 1.

(2) I requested the authors to show the significant differences before and after iron treatment using hemoglobin levels as a sample. However, the authors have just added the p-value about hemoglobin levels in page 7. The authors should show the differences about TSAT and serum ferritin levels before and after iron treatment.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.