Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluation of the in vitro skin permeation of antiviral drugs from penciclovir 1% cream and acyclovir 5% cream used to treat herpes simplex virus infection

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The revised manuscript has addressed most of my concerns. I am particularly pleased with the western blot analysis of keratin 5 (‘keratin 5’ needs to be added to Figure legend). I still feel the molecular modelling section adds little to the paper - certainly, the significance of the images needs to be explained better. I would like to see some discussion of the statistics in-text.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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