Reviewer's report

Title: Suppression of low-density lipoprotein oxidation, vascular smooth muscle cell proliferation and migration by a herbal extract of Radix Astragali, Radix Codonopsis and Cortex Lycii

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Major Compulsory Revisions

This is a revised manuscript and I believe that the authors have addressed all the reviewers concerns in a reasonable manner. Many of the prior concerns have been resolved, except the most important one: whether the effects of SR10 on suppression PDGF-induced proliferation and migration are acting through ERK-mediated signaling. The authors mentioned that they hope to publish the data in another manuscript. However, ERK may play an important role in the connection of PDGF-BB and cyclin D1. It may be one of mechanisms by which antiproliferation of S10 on ASMC. Thus, a major premise of the paper is still not yet delineated.

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'