Reviewer’s report

Title: Immunomodulatory and Antitumour Effects of Abnormal Savda Munziq on an S180 Tumour-Bearing Murine Model

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The manuscript described the immunomodulatory and antitumor effects of a Chinese medicinal herbal preparation called Abnormal Savda Munziq using sarcoma 180 bearing mice. Although the interest in the research field is unquestionable, the manuscript present many limitations that make it unsuitable for publication in the BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

The major point that should be considered is the absence of a proper chemical characterization of the material studied. How this preparation is standardized? Is there any active compound described? Additionally, the used doses are too high.

Another inconsistent point is the references. For example, they mention references 3-7 in the introduction as the ones related to the previous studies of ASMq cytotoxicity. However, none of cited references mentioned ASMq preparations in the text.

The discussion is generally a repetition of results section.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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