Reviewer's report

Title: Safety and Efficacy Assessment of Standardized Herbal Formula PM012

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This paper is the report about the efficacy and the toxicity of herbal formula PM012 using mice and rats. It is very interesting but there were several questions and mistakes in the manuscript. It is necessary to submit a renewed manuscript with the answer to the question and correction of the mistakes for the decision of acceptance.

Major Compulsory revisions
1) It is not clear why you chose mice in the efficacy study and rats in the toxicity study. It is necessary to explain the reason and justification of the methods.
2) Missing Table in the text page 6. In the page 6, line 2 in the paragraph of the Preparation of PM012, you mentioned about Table 1 which is reference of the ratio of each component in PM012, but it is not found in the attached tables and figures.
3) Missing Fig. 1A. In the second line of the Results, first paragraph, you wrote Figure 1A, but there is no Figure 1A in the attached figures.
4) Table numbers confusing. It seems table numbers and the explanations in the text is unmatched. It is necessary to check carefully again.

Minor revision
1) There is a spelling mistake such as RESILTS in the page 11. This should be correct to RESULTS. Careful check of spelling is necessary.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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 have no competing interests in relation to this paper.