Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions

M and M, Animals and experimental procedures: The authors used diethylstilbestrol as control. The authors argued the alternative for HRT in the manuscript. Clinically, diethylstilbestrol is no longer used due to adverse effects. The authors answered no definite reason, saying just as control. What the purpose of this study? Looking for alternatives for HRT because of adverse effects of HRT?? The authors should pay much attention to the control.

**Level of interest:** An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

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**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.