Reviewer's report

Title: Regulation of podocalyxin expression in the kidney of streptozotocin-induced diabetic rats with Chinese herbs (Yishen capsule)

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This paper investigated the mechanisms of Yishen capsule on diabetic nephropathy using STZ-induced rats model from the aspect of restoring podocalyxin. Experiments and conclusions are scientific and stubborn. The composition of this paper is logically clear. However, there are some grammar errors. For example, singular or plural forms of nouns: "Recent investigation revealed that glomerular epithelial cells or podocytes are the main cell type involved in the development of diabetic nephropathy."

Moreover, statistical analysis is lacking in data analysis.

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 declare that I have no competing interests