Reviewer's report

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Minor Essential Revisions.

Followings are some comments:

1. In Chemicals and plants section, it’s better to write out the Latin name of Shanzha and Danshen.

2. In Sample preparation section, line 4, “DSWE 1” should be “DSW1”, and it is better to make this paragraph more clearly.

3. On page 8, the third paragraph, the meaning of the sentence “An interesting phenomenon was observed that …… were detected in its co-decocted counterpart” is not clear, please revise it.

4. Title change to Antioxidant activity and components of a traditional Chinese medicine formula consisting of Crataegus pinnatifida and Salviae miltiorrhizae.

5. References: Organize the papers in the same style.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

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