Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation of direct antiviral activity of Deva-5 compound and extracts of five Asian plants against Influenza A Virus H3N8.

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Authors of this manuscript intended to evaluating antiviral activities of extracts of five Asian plants and their formula Deva-5. However, they didn't focused the work on antiviral activity evaluation, but involved many irrelevant researches such as viral subtype identification. In addition, some methods for assaying cytotoxicities and antiviral activities of extracts are not classic methods. Therefore the results make little meaning. A large number of extracts from plants have antiviral activities in vitro, but few of them has activities in vivo.

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

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

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests