Reviewer's report

Title: Synergistic anticancer effects of a bioactive subfraction of Strobilanthes crispus and tamoxifen on MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231 human breast cancer cell lines

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1. The idea to combine natural herbs with chemotherapies to reduce the side effects of chemotherapy for cancer treatment is very interesting and has good potential.

2. Major compulsory revisions:
   a. There is not enough information to let readers know what SCS is, as mentioned in the materials and methods section “The SCS was prepared as previously reported [13]”. I am guessing the SCS is SC/D-F9 but it needs to be made clearer.
   b. The author should provide more information about SCS, such as the active ingredients or major components.
   c. In addition, the author should provide a HPLC fingerprint of SCS.
   d. The methods of this study should be appropriate and described well enough to allow others to evaluate and/or replicate the work.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.