Reviewer’s report

Title: Chinese patent herbal medicines for the treatment of common cold: a systematic review of randomized clinical trials

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Minor revision:
1. Quality of the products is one factor which will affect the effect. Whether they have the quality reports in the paper?
2. For the control design in the original paper, whether this is data to support the usage, especially from the clinical trial of RCT?
3. Any relationship between the efficacy and the pattern of common cold?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'