Reviewer's report

Title: Potential anti-osteoporotic effects of herbal extracts on osteoclasts, osteoblasts and chondrocytes in vitro

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Major compulsory revisions

The authors have incorporated most of the considerations. However, one of the points was not addressed:

Figure 7, ALP staining: authors still insist there is an increased ALP activity. This increase is clear in Figure 8, but absolutely not in the histochemistry result. Therefore, either the authors show a better image, or remove it from the manuscript.

Minor revisions

Dose is usually employed when the body weight is considered (e.g., mg of the compound/kg body weight). In this case, concentrations were used. This concept was not considered.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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