Reviewer’s report

Title: Anticancer activity of extracts derived from the mature roots of Scutellaria baicalensis on human malignant brain tumor cells

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General
In this manuscript, the Reviewer found that there are two missing figures in this manuscript:

(1) Results: page 11, line 17: …. a hallmark of apoptotic cells (Fig.2b); Figure Legends: Figure 2., page 24-25, there is absence of description on Fig.2b © Figure 2b is missing

(2) Figure Legends: Figure 4, page 25, line 17: (b) Photomicrographs of cells 48 hours …..S. baicalensis extract. However, the photomicrographs as mentioned in the Figure legend are missing. Also that there is no label (a) in this Figure 4 which shows a graph on the % viable normal gliomal cells treated with S. baicalensis extracts.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
Based on this uncareless mistakes by the authors, the Reviewer found that it is difficult to continue to review the manuscript and recommends the Editor to return it to the authors.

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