Reviewer’s report

Title: Induction of apoptosis of human primary osteoclasts treated with extracts from the medicinal plant Emblica officinalis

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Major:

Table 1 is missing. I assume the data is reflective of the figures, but please provide.

Minor

1) Spelling of "Atherosclerosis" in para 3 page 4, introduction
2) It would be worthwhile comparing to other reported natural product inhibitors of NF-kB.
3) Comment more extensively on specificity in terms of apoptosis and NF-kB as macrophages will be exposed to the agent and may overwhelm the effects on osteoclasts

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

Currently I a senior management member of a nutrition company (Advocare) and this may result in a perceived conflict of interest.