Reviewer's report

**Title:** Phellodendron and Citrus extracts benefit cardiovascular health in osteoarthritis patients: a double-blind, placebo-controlled pilot study

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**Reviewer:** Ezra Bejar

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The authors have addressed most issues posed by this reviewer with exception of the chemical composition of NP 06-1. There is may be a proprietary issue that precludes authors from revealing this information.

Minor issues:

1) On page 13, third paragraph, I would suggest the following change in wording:

"It is possible there is a relationship in weight loss due to NP06-1... Rather than "The weight loss appears to be due to NP06-1." Which appears to be a more definitive statement but adherence to the treatment was not really assessed. Same issue on last sentence of conclusions.

2) The authors indicate no adverse events and safety issues were reported, yet Table 2 providing reasons for dropping out of the study cites nausea.

Thanks,

**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.