Reviewer's report

Title: Interaction of a traditional Chinese Medicine (PHY906) and CPT-11 on the inflammatory process in the tumor microenvironment

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The manuscript by Wang et al performed microarray and IPA analysis on tumor tissue treated with CPT-11 and/or traditional Chinese Medicine PHY906. The result which is very interesting, however lacks validation by independent methods such as qRT-PCR.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The authors should perform qRT-PCR on few targets such as genes that are over-represented in NF-kB pathway in which IPA found that.

2. The authors have examined the infiltration of macrophage in the tumor tissue. How about CD8 +ve cytotoxic T cell? Should the authors examine the effect of TCM on CD8 cells also?

Level of interest: An article of importance 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:

I declare that I have no competing interests