Reviewer's report

Title: Pingchuan Formula Improves Asthma via Restoration of the Th17/Treg Balance in a Mouse Model

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The author well demonstrated that the PingChuan Formula (PCF) could ameliorate the asthma mice model as good as dexamethasone, via regulate the Th17/Treg imbalance which could decrease the IL-6, IL-17, IL-23, TGF-β and RORγt expression while increase Foxp3 expression. Furthermore, PCF showed less side effects, as like body weight loss, compared with dexamethasone.

There are a few minor essential revisions:

1. In method section, there should be more detailed prescription of PCF, how much grams of each components and how to prepare the drugs. (line 107-109)
2. A few typing errors: line 80 pregression#progression; line 109 regulat#regulate.
3. Line 225, there was no figure 4 in the manuscript. Is it should be figure 3?

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.