Reviewer's report

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Comments to Tian et al. paper,

The revised version of this paper does not provide answer to the previous “General comments”. If the anti-apoptotic effect of EEP is mediated through suppression of ox-LDL intake and the up-regulation of CD36 induced by ox-LDL in macrophages, the title of this paper is not appropriate. The author should elucidate the mechanisms of anti-apoptotic effect clearly.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

Nothing to declare.