Reviewer’s report

Title: Anti-obesity Effects of Yerba Mate (Ilex Paraguariensis): A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial

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Reviewer: Xiao Su

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Dear Prof Liu,

Thanks for the third opportunity to review this manuscript. I am sure your support would be much appreciated by authors.

I am Ok with the response to my two previous comments although the line numbers are different from what they indicated. However I would like to suggest a thorough language check before the acceptance of manuscript for publication. I have highlighted a few grammatical/editorial errors in yellow on page 15 as an example. In addition, last sentence in conclusion (lines 360-361) should be rephrased as no one can be certain that the effects of Yerba Mate will definitely become more pronounced when combined with lifestyle modification.

I am happy to leave the editorial side of responsibility to the editor so there is no need to send the revised version for further review.

Regards,
Xiao Su

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: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.