Reviewer's report

Title: Herbal compound 861 prevents hepatic fibrosis by inhibiting the TGF-β1/Smad/SnoN pathway in bile duct-ligated rats

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The paper is now much improved. However, English editing is still required.

In abstract- Page 2, Line 8, 'normal saline 9g/ kg/ d seems' to be incorrect. Initially, in submitted paper, it was 'equal volume of normal saline' which was appropriate.

P value in footnotes of tables is written as P < .05 0 or P <0 .05. However, it should appear as P <0.05.

With these minor corrections, paper can be accepted.

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