Reviewer’s report

Title: Species identification approach for both raw materials and end products of herbal supplements from Tinospora species

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2. 'Clarification why simulated samples are not used to validate the result.
-We only focused on the species which could be found in Thailand and thus not all species were included in the analysis'.
Perhaps the authors did not understand the point. What is pointed out was the need for simulating (mixing the genuine sample with the spurious ones) samples in various proportions (%) and validating the result.

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