Author’s response to reviews

Title: Suppression of lung inflammation by the ethanol extract of Chung-Sang and the possible role of Nrf2

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Dear Editor:

Attached is the revised manuscript titled “Suppression of lung inflammation by the ethanol extract of Chung-Sang and the possible role of Nrf2” by Han and Kim et al.

Per your comments, we revised our manuscript. Our responses to your comments are attached below. As you concern, we are also serious about plagiarism. Regarding the method section, all those papers referred by you were, in fact, our publications written by me. I would like to
mention that as the author who writes most, my writing style certainly contributes to the similarity of this manuscript, in particular, to my previous publications. Nevertheless, I rewrote the method sections, which were checked by a plagiarism-checking program, Turnitin.

All the participated authors read the manuscript and agreed on the submission. This manuscript has not been published in any form in other journals, and will not be duplicated after acceptance to the journal. The authors disclosed any conflicts of interest, as denoted in the accompanying manuscript.

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