Reviewer’s report

Title: The modified Si-Jun-Zi decoction attenuates colon cancer liver metastasis by increasing macrophage cells

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The paper entitled, The modified Si-Jun-Zi decoction attenuates colon cancer liver metastasis by increasing macrophage cells by Zhou et al, studied the mechanism of anticancer activity of the Chinese decoction, though the work is interesting, there are few minor concerns.

In the introduction some more information regarding the Si-Jun-Zi decoction should be included.

In the animal studies how the HCT cells were intrasplenically transplanted? Procedure should be detailed or give the reference?

Why MSJZ treatment was restricted to one group with 45mg/kg. What is the reason for selecting the dose? Do the authors conduct any preliminary experiments to determine the effective concentration?

The grouping and treatment of animals should be clearly written viz Gp1...Gr..2...Gp3...Gp4 etc.

What the authors mean by 3-week half-dose treatment group?

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