Reviewer’s report

Title: The synergistic antitumor effect of Huaier combined with 5-flourouracil in human cholangiocarcinoma cells

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Reviewer: Oscar Herrera-Calderon

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I read this manuscript and minor observations have been noted:

Huaier extract was kindly provided by Qidong Gaitianli Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (Jiangsu, China), however, authors do not detail what type of extract is Huaier? Ethanolic, aqueous or any solvent. What are the main phytochemicals reported in Huaier?

Was it standardized the extract?

In your discussion you should argue the relationship between huaier and 5FU.

In the introduction: Authors could emphasize any antecedent of huaier in cancer.

In methods, Why do you use those doses of huaier? Did you do any previous study?

Is there any toxic study of huaier as antecedent to establish your tested doses?

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

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Yes

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