Reviewer’s report

Title: A randomized, double-blind, positive-controlled, prospective, dose-response clinical study to evaluate the efficacy and tolerability of an aqueous extract of Terminalia bellerica in lowering uric acid and creatinine levels in chronic kidney disease subjects with hyperuricemia.

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It is necessary to present the ingredients of the identical placebo presented in this paper. And Group A and B took 1 placebo capsule, and group C took 2 capsules of TB. Provide evidence that placebo capsules will not affect the results.

It is also stated that in Group A, the medication was taken in the morning and evening, and Groups B and C were taken twice a day. I need to explain whether the two methods are different or the same.

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