Reviewer’s report

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Describe herbal components of HHS decoction such as major or active ingredients in each herbal medicine, in detail.
2. Dose HHS decoction show more anti-inflammatory effects or reduce cytotoxicity compared of each herbal medicine?


Minor Essential Revisions

1. correct Figure order in text described. (Fig. 4--> Fig. 6, Fig. 5-->Fig. 4, Fig. 6-->Fig. 5)
2. Page 16, line 12: Fig. 1B and C --> Figs. 1B and C

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I declare that I have no competing interests