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Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Conclusion: Accept (High priority)

Specific Comments to Authors:

In the material and methods section, Why you had included CCK-8 into each well? (line 119).

Answer: For each well, CCK-8 was added to detect cell viability, respectively.

It is a standard method.

Why did you limit the sample to only 6 mice? (line 188) The sample is too small for a statistical study and the conclusions. But you don't mention this insufficiency in the limits of this study.

Answer: For each group, 6 mice is statistically acceptable. According to our ethics commitment, 6 mice for each group is allowable. I would like to mention that more mice are more reliable in further investigation.

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Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: Please write source and code of limonin. like LIMONIN, Merck, Code: PHL89379 ???

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Language Quality: Grade A (Priority publishing)

Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)

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