

Review of: "Targeting Alzheimer's disease hallmarks with the Nrf2 activator Isoeugenol"

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Manuscript entitled "<u>Targeting Alzheimer's disease hallmarks with the Nrf2 activator Isoeugeno</u>" is about studying the effect of Isoeugenol as an activator for Nrf2 through many important experiments. However, for this article to be valid for publication, some modifications should be carried out.

- 1. The Latin terms (*in vivo* and *in vitro*) should be in italic font. These terms are repeated many times in the article without changing the font.
- 2. In the abstract, in the part of results, results should be in numbers.
- 3. In the introduction, the first line has a missing preposition "of" after the word "one."
- 4. In the introduction, the last paragraph, it talks about results. I need to know whether these results are attributed to the last results or the results of this study. Because the results shouldn't be included in the introduction part.
- 5. In the materials, state the full specifications of the used materials, such as molecular weight, assay.....etc.
- 6. In the methods and results, the titles and subtitles should be consistent with each other.
- 7. Title 2.2.1. in the last line (cms⁻¹), -1 should be superscript.
- The authors talk about the selected concentration (250 μM). Is this concentration achieved by injecting the mice (100 mg/kg)? And in other parts, it is written (50 mg/kg).
- 9. Title 2.2.10. state the specifications of the spectrophotometer, such as model, company, and country.
- 10. Page 13, I think in the last line, it is wrong to put (to two presentations).
- 11. In the results, title 3.1., the full specifications of the artificial membrane should be mentioned, such as the materials, pore size.... etc.
- 12. IC₅₀, is it enough to confirm the cytotoxicity? MTT assay. It is better to reach the best results.
- 13. The expression with the pronoun "we" to explain the results isn't professional. The passive form is preferable.
- 14. The abbreviation "LPS" what does it refer to?
- 15. Fig. 6. It is preferable to show the scale bar or date on the X-axis.
- 16. Fig. 8. Maybe the authors can arrange it in a better form. I suggest the 9 charts should be divided into 3 charts in every row.
- 17. The symbol (%) is often written after numbers. I think the authors should replace the symbol (%) with the word (percentage).
- 18. Fig. 9. Is the studying time till 180 min enough to reveal the effect of the intranasal administration of Isoeugenol?



- 19. In the *in vivo* experiment, why do the authors use male and female mice? Is the sex of the mice expected to have an effect?
- 20. Fig. 11. Fig. or Figure, please homogenize.
- 21. After Fig. 11., in the last paragraph, there is a mistyping (Fig. 10) which should be Fig. 11. The same error is repeated after Fig. 12.
- 22. The number of Fig. 12. is repeated for 2 figures.
- 23. (10 B and 10 E), (12A and B), please homogenize.
- 24. The caption of Fig. 12. I think there is a mistyping in (five to six to eight).
- 25. The titles (3.11., 3.12, and 3.13) shouldn't have verbs (shouldn't be in declarative form). I suggest the titles are taken from the first line under each title, such as: 3.11. The effect of Iso on pain sensitivity and on locomotor activity.
- 26. The conclusion, is Isoeugenol an activator for Nrf2 or a preclinic of AD or both?
- 27. Please homogenize the references; some references include year only, and the others include year/month/day.