

## Reviewer's report

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This report submitted to Nutrition Journal as Research article is acceptable for publication with minor revisions. It can be accepted after minor essential revisions

For clarification a modified title is suggested:

Effects of Phellodendron and Citrus extracts on the joint and cardiovascular health a double-blind, placebo controlled study in osteoarthritis patients

Also several questions need to be addressed and are embedded directly in the text.

The study and methods are appropriate and well described, and are presented in sufficient detail. The authors properly point to the weakness of the study that the drop out was large therefore the interpretation of effectiveness may be questionable. I would recommend a second opinion on the validity of the statistics in light of the large drop outal Is it essential that this manuscript is seen by an expert statistician? I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Further comments

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As well as intervention with prescription drugs

Page 5 2nd para, line 2

Known anti-inflammatory Provide a reference

