1. Regarding the HPLC method validation, the authors did not provide the calibration range and respective calibration curve equation. Therefore, my question in the first revision "Do the concentrations of each analyte presented in figure 1 correspond to any concentration of the linear range presented on table 2?" continue not to be answered.

Response: The authors appreciate the reviewer's careful explanations. Actually, the main aim of figure 1 is to identify the six marker components in GE samples by using the standard solution mixture. Moreover, we are surely the concentrations of each analyte presented in figure 1 correspond to any concentration of the linear range presented on table 2, and which can be used to calculate all GE samples in the text.

With the reviewer's suggestion, the details of the calibration range and calibration curve equations for standard compounds were added on section 4.2.4 and Table 2. The standard solution mixture with the concentration of 4.032 mg/mL of GAS, 4.112 mg/mL of HBA, 5.616 mg/mL of parishin E, 4.12 mg/mL of parishin B, 4.096 mg/mL of parishin C, 5.48 mg/mL of parishin A were prepared. And then, precisely absorb 0.1 mL of the standard reserved solution to 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 mL brown measuring bottle and dilute the volume to the scale with 60% methanol, which was used to investigation of HPLC methodology.

2. Additionally, the data regarding the analysis of CV and bias of the quality control samples in the intraday and intraday precision and accuracy

evaluation is also not provided.

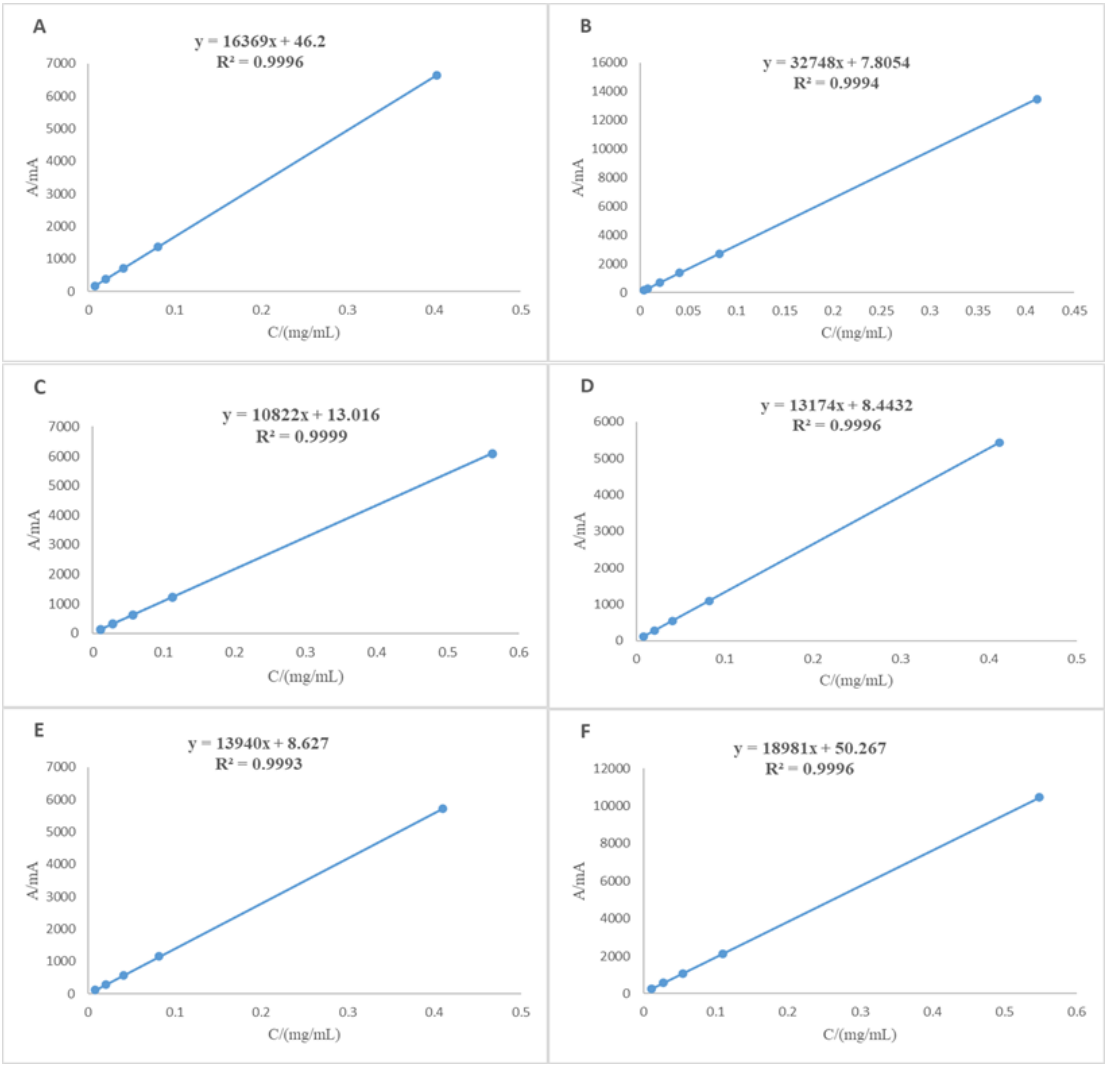
Response: According to HPLC operating guidelines, the RSDs of HPLC method were calculated with the values < 3% as shown in Table S1. Meanwhile, with the reviewer's suggestion, the CV, bias of the GE samples in the intra-day and inter-day precision, accuracy evaluation of the data in supplementary material as shown in Table S2.

3. In my opinion, besides being on a table, the drying methods should be described in the method sections and not merely shown in the results on a table format.

Response: As suggested, the description of different drying methods had been added on section 4.2.1.

Table 2. HPLC analyzed linear regression data of the six marker components.

Analytes	Regression Equations	Linear Ranges (mg/mL)	R^2	LOD (mg/mL)	LOQ (mg/mL)
GAS	y = 16369x + 46.2000	0.0040-0.4032	0.9996	0.00132716	0.00039815
HBA	y = 32748x + 7.8054	0.0041-0.4112	0.9994	0.00023417	0.00007025
Parishin E	y = 10822x + 13.016	0.0056-0.5616	0.9999	0.00063172	0.00018952
Parishin B	y = 13174x + 8.4432	0.0041-0.4120	0.9996	0.00058274	0.00017482
Parishin C	y = 13946x + 8.627	0.0041-0.4096	0.9993	0.00057853	0.00017356
Parishin A	y = 18981x + 50.267	0.0055-0.5480	0.9996	0.00516344	0.00154903



Supplementary Figure S2: The calibration range and calibration curve equations for standard compounds; (A) GAS, (B) HBA, (C) Parishin E, (D) Parishin B, (E) Parishin C, (F) Parishin A.

Supplementary Table S1 : The RSDs of Precision, Stability, Repeatability, and Sample accuracy.

Compound	Precision RSD (%)		Stability	Repeatability	Accuracy	
	intra-day	inter-day	RSD (%)	RSD (%)	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)
Gastrodin	1.88	1.07	1.87	0.67	98.03	1.70
p-Hydroxy benzyl alcohol	0.79	1.64	1.59	1.84	99.22	1.50
Parishin E	0.82	1.18	0.97	1.36	103.15	1.69
Parishin B	1.82	0.58	1.04	1.91	101.93	1.73
Parishin C	0.83	2.53	0.95	1.42	96.98	1.73

Parishin A	0.44	0.95	0.73	1.77	97.08	1.93

Supplementary Table S2: The analyte of CV and bias of the GE samples

	Peak Area of Six Characteristic Peaks					
	GAS	**HBA**	**Parishin E**	**Parishin B**	**Parishin C**	**Parishin A**
intra-day Precision	2046	702	1980	3188	561	9485
	1939	696	1987	3133	558	9582
	1987	705	1967	3074	554	9560
	1994	701	1962	3181	548	9501
	2031	690	2008	3079	557	9480
	2006	695	1980	3058	559	9529
C.V.	1.88%	0.79%	0.82%	1.82%	0.83%	0.44%
RSD	1.88%	0.79%	0.82%	1.82%	0.83%	0.44%
inter-day Precision						
Day 1	1913	759	2003	3117	549	9593
	1906	761	1984	3122	551	9505
Day 2	1902	730	1953	3153	575	9452
	1935	749	2012	3127	562	9649
Day 3	1957	743	1987	3125	556	9429
	1923	737	1959	3161	585	9613
C.V.	1.07%	1.64%	1.18%	0.58%	2.53%	0.95%
RSD	1.07%	1.64%	1.18%	0.58%	2.53%	0.95%
Stability	1963	707	2001	3079	546	9421
	1973	687	1984	3161	556	9555
	1969	692	1980	3133	548	9582
	1975	682	1953	3135	542	9449
	2046	696	1951	3098	548	9529
	2037	710	1975	3087	542	9433
C.V.	1.87%	1.59%	0.97%	1.04%	0.95%	0.73%
RSD	1.87%	1.59%	0.97%	1.04%	0.95%	0.73%
Repeatability	1983	714	2021	3034	554	9688
	1993	687	1974	3189	549	9575
	1985	691	1980	3153	553	9372
	1987	682	1953	3135	542	9698
	2013	696	2013	3088	536	9339
	2011	710	1965	3059	538	9363
C.V.	0.67%	1.84%	1.36%	1.91%	1.42%	1.77%
RSD	0.67%	1.84%	1.36%	1.91%	1.42%	1.77%
Accuracy	523	4292	1934	971	1298	6357
	535	4261	2008	976	1247	6492
	541	4268	2013	1012	1263	6248
	528	4344	1938	958	1262	6184
	519	4258	2041	962	1248	6411
	538	4398	2064	1007	1259	6308
DFW-3 (2g)	524	4291	1935	972	1296	6359
Recovery	98.03%	99.22%	103.15%	101.93%	96.98%	97.08%
C.V.	1.61%	1.31%	2.65%	2.34%	1.41%	1.76%
RSD	1.61%	1.31%	2.65%	2.34%	1.41%	1.76%