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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to submit the following research article entitled *“Chemical characterization of photodegradation products of midazolam complexes with randomly methylated-β-cyclodextrin by HPLC and LC-MS/MS”* for consideration for publication in the Journal of the Serbian Chemical Society.

The work reports that degradation products, not observed on the photodegradation of uncomplexed midazolam are observed in signifiant quantities when it is complexed with randomly methylated-β-cyclodextrin. The production of these new photdegradants, characterized with their MS spectra, as well as proposed degradation mechanism of midazolam is discussed. The change in photstability may be an issue for the development of cyclodextrin midazolam drug formulations as there may be possible side effects due to the presence of photodegradants not found in midazolam only formulations.

Kind regards,

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