

Reviewer's report

Title: The safety of Homnawakod herbal formula containing Aristolochia tagala Cham. in Wistar rats

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The authors have addressed my concerns for the most part. However, I could not access all of the figures - there was some sort of error in the file. I would expect that the authors included the results of the purified AAs (positive control) in the relevant tables. If not, this should be done.

Also, it is essential that the authors compare the treatment schedule and dosing in the animal study with how the products are used in humans. If humans use the product for more than 21 days, then the negative results seen in this animal study may not be applicable to the human exposure situation. The authors need to discuss this.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests