Reviewer’s report

Title: The safety of Homnawakod herbal formulary containing Aristolochia tagala cham. in Wistar rats

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This article is very interesting and the issue was well handled. It has good scientific quality and it’s clear and concise. It has some spelling and grammatical mistakes that must be corrected. In addition, some points must be taken into account:

Add a reference to: "Homnawakod is a famous Thai traditional herbal remedy used in vertigo, nausea and vomiting treatment. It has been wildly used in Thailand for a long time, with no report of undesirable symptoms".

In the end of the Introduction please mention the importance of the present study.

The procedures were based in previous studies? Please refer.

Refer how many animals were used in this study.

The discussion must be completed, it is very poor. Please compare your results with previous works.

"This quantitative result has enlightened us and was possibly the reason why we could not find the toxic effects of the formularies tested." Explain better.

"The efficacy study of this formulary should be further investigated." Give more details about the future expectations.

The articles "Medicinal plants used by the tribals of Tirunelveli hills, Tamil Nadu to treat poisonous bites and skin diseases" and "Bioefficacy of AristolochiatagalaCham. against Spodoptera litura Fab. (Lepidoptera: Noctuidae)" may add important information about the plant studied. Please check.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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