Reviewer’s report

Title: Antioxidant effect of gallic acid from Phyllanthus emblica extract prevents contrast-induced acute kidney injury

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This manuscript showed that the PE extract administration pretreatment before the induction of CI-AKI exerted significant renoprotective effects in a rat model of CI-AKI.

However, there are a number of concerns in this paper.

Major points

1. Rats were divided into eight groups, but not sound. The authors should add another antioxidant such as atorvastatin for the positive control group.

2. How about the assessment standard for the score of histopathological changes, the authors should cite references to support the methods.

3. I couldn’t find the Legends about Fig.3.

4. Only HE or PAS staining is not enough for the histopathologic examination of renal tissues. The authors should make up immunohistochemistry staining such as PCNA or Tunnel and electromicroscope examination to provide findings about CI-AKI model.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

no