Reviewer’s report

Title: Clinical and Genomic Safety of Treatment with Ginkgo biloba L. leaf extract (IDN 5933, Ginkgoselect®Plus) in Elderly: A Randomised placebo-controlled clinical trial [GiBiEx].

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Reviewer: JOHNSON STANSLAS

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To my question “Is 6 months trial sufficient to provide the safety profile of this product when in reality it is consumed for a longer time? Do note that the toxicological study by US National Toxicology Program was done for 2 years!”, the author responded with the following: “This one is not a study on the possible carcinogenicity of GBE, but a safety study in which early events of genomics risks are evaluated. As regards the micronucleus and the comet assays, there is extensive literature that even an exposure of few days may alter the background frequency of DNA damage”. In view of this, I would like the author to clearly incorporate this response in the revised manuscript.

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