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1. We note that in your response to reviewers, you have stated "We carried out this test according to the OECD guidelines with slight modifications linked to the WHO guidelines." Please include a link and reference to those WHO guidelines, these do not appear to have been included.


2. One of your statements in the Discussion section is: "The change in internal organ weight is an indicator of atrophy and hypertrophy [25]." Reference 25 does not appear to be focused on internal organ weight as an indicator of atrophy or hypertrophy, rather it is focused on the toxicological screening of a traditional medicine, and is from 2008. Please ensure that all of your referenced sentences are cited correctly, and please ensure that the most up to date references are being used.


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