Reviewer’s report

Title: Chronic oral safety study of the aqueous extract of Combretum molle twigs on biochemical, haematological and antioxidant parameters of Wistar rats

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Reviewer: Neda Mimica Dukic

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This submission reports the results of in vivo studies of Combretum molle twigs aqueous extract on haematological and biochemical parameters and its safety (toxicity). After detailed reading, I found manuscript prepared in the consisted manner and all parts: abstract, introduction, methodology, results and discussion are presented appropriately. References are appropriate to present paper and correctly cited. The conclusion is based on obtained results and supports the assumed hypothesis.

My only comment is regarding low to moderate scientific value and simplicity of this study. All applied analysis is well known and regarding standard pharmacological and biochemical procedures. I did not find any innovation and originality, though it has considerable applicative potential. The scientific value could be improved if the chemical profile of the extract or some additional extracts (different solvents or different plant organs) were analyzed, too.

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