Reviewer’s report

Title: Investigation of Gastroprotective Effect of A Novel Dibromo Substituted Schiff Base Compound Against Ethanol-induced Acute Gastric Lesions in Rats.

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Reviewer: Neil Henney

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This is an interesting study which I suspect would be of interest to scientists in the field. In my opinion, the manuscript submitted needs some further work to present the study to a good standard.

1) Most importantly, the manuscript requires very careful and quite extensive proof reading, to resolve the many problems with the English grammar and syntax (and sometimes word choice) which currently detract quite substantially from the quality of the submission. Because of this, it is difficult in quite a lot of places to understand exactly what is meant by what is written.

2) I'm not clear on how an MMT assay on fibroblasts in vitro allows proper evaluation of "wound healing activity". If you think it does, I suggest you provide your rationale for this in your discussion of the findings.

3) All the findings (narrative and figures reported) need additional information on the statistics you have reportedly carried out. The value of n should be given in every case, the p value should be reported as the actual number calculated (and not just < 0.05), and ideally confidence intervals would be provided to demonstrate there was sufficient statistical power in your experiments to lead you to the conclusions you have reached.

4) You have used the terms "ulcer healing" and "gastroprotection" almost interchangeably. In my opinion these are not the same. The latter is about protection (prevention) and the former lends itself more to cure.

5) Finally, please check you have shown the correct SEM bars on figures 2 and 3 as these look remarkably similar across all data values shown.

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