

Editor's Comment:

I have concluded my review of the above referenced manuscript. Overall, I find it a reasonably well written report describing the 28-toxicology profile of Vitex doniana leaf extracts. I do have two comments that must be addressed prior to acceptance. First, there is no information on how the extracts were administered or how the animals were cared for during the study. Were the animals given the extracts via intragastric gavage or was it given as part of their daily feed? What was the light/dark schedule for the animals? What were the animals fed during the course of the study and did food consumption change? Were they fed on a schedule or allowed ad lib access to food and water?

Second, in their conclusions they state that the fractions can be considered safe for consumption but given no indication of the timeframe for safe consumption. The results do not provide any information on the safety of consuming these extracts for longer than 28-days so the conclusions need to be modified accordingly.

If those two areas of concern are adequately addressed, I would consider the paper acceptable for publication.

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