

RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS' COMMENTS

Manuscript No.: 57617

Title: Aceclofenac-induced hepatotoxicity: An ameliorative effect of *Terminalia bellirica* fruit and ellagic acid

The authors of this manuscript express their sincere thanks to the Editor-in-Chief and the reviewers for the critical assessment of this work. The authors have acted upon the recommendations of the Editor-in-Chief and the reviewers which have resulted in a significant enhancement in the quality of this manuscript. All modifications incorporated in the manuscript are highlighted in red color. A “point-by-point” response to each and every comment is outlined below.

Reviewer 1

Comment:

Gupta and Pandey proposed an interesting paper, concerning antioxidant effect of *Terminalia bellirica* and ellagic fruit in rats. Even if the number of rats in each group is low, results are significant and further studies, notably in humans, are necessary. I have no specific revision to propose and I suggest that the manuscript would be accepted.

Response:

We are deeply encouraged by the reviewer's generous comments about the quality of our work and the recommendation for acceptance of our manuscript. We sincerely apologize for the inadvertent errors. We have extensively edited our manuscript to limit typographic and grammatical errors. We have also tried our best to maintain the flow of sentences throughout the manuscript.

Editorial Office's comments

Authors must revise the manuscript according to the Editorial Office's comments and suggestions, which are listed below:

(1) *Science Editor*

General Comment:

The highest single-source similarity index in the CrossCheck report showed to be 7%.The CrossCheck results showed the similarity to be high. According to our policy, the overall similarity index should be less than 30%, and the single-source similarity should be less than 5%. Please rephrase these repeated sentences.

Response:

We sincerely thank the Science Editor for highlighting a major issue. As per requirement, we have thoroughly revised the manuscript by rephrasing many sentences, deleted repeated/unnecessary sentences and inserted few lines throughout the manuscript. We have also checked the manuscript for typos and grammatical errors and fixed all the issues. Now the overall similarity index is less than 20%, and the single-source similarity is less than 2%.

Comment 1:

I found no "Author contribution" section. Please provide the author contributions

Response: We thank reviewer for the generous comment. "Author contribution" has been provided just below the conclusion section.

Comment 2:

I found the authors did not provide the original figures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;

Response:

We thank the Science Editor for constructive suggestion. We have provided all the original figures in PowerPoint as desired.

Comment 3:

I found the authors did not add the PMID and DOI in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout.

Response:

We are thankful for this constructive suggestion. We added PMID number and DOI citation number throughout the references.

Comment 4:

I found the authors did not write the “article highlight” section. Please write the “article highlights” section at the end of the main text.

Response:

We have included “article highlight” section at the end of the main text.

(2) Editorial Office Director

Comment:

I have checked the comments written by the science editor.

Response:

We sincerely thank the editorial office director for his/her expertise and spending a significant amount of time and effort in evaluating our work.

(3) Company Editor-in-Chief

Comment:

I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted with major revisions. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

Response:

We have thoroughly revised the manuscript and added critical information under various sections. We have tried our best to eliminate typographic and grammatical errors. Further, we have addressed various issues raised by the editor and other reviewers.

Additionally,

We have added 'an' in the title which is shown in red. Now revised title is "Aceclofenac-induced hepatotoxicity: **An** ameliorative effect of Terminalia bellirica fruit and ellagic acid".

Further, we have also added a new reference "Lowry *et al*" as reference no. 35. All changes are shown in red colour.