

RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS AND EDITORS

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Title: A Comprehensive Review of Hepatotoxicity Associated with Traditional Indian Ayurvedic Herbs

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Dear Reviewer and Editors, we thank you for your comments for improving our manuscript. In this regard, please find our answers to the queries and modifications raised during peer review process. We have attached a clean fully formatted copy as well as a marked copy with changes tracked (as supplementary) for your kind perusal.

Reviewer #1:

Specific Comments to Authors: The authors well reviewed Ayurvedic Herbs-associated liver injury. The authors mentioned about several types of Ayurvedic Herbs. However, the description was too long and hard to understand. Major comments. 1. The authors should make a table for summarizing several types of Ayurvedic Herbs. They should show main causative agents contained in Ayurvedic Herbs, type of liver injury (e.g., cholestasis, hepatocellular necrosis, sinusoidal obstruction, etc.), authors and countries of the report, risk of mortality, etc. 2. Figures seem too many. They should limit the figures.

Authors response: Thank you for your comments. We have thoroughly revised the sentence constructs and wordings and have shortened the manuscript substantially so as to improve on clarity and to make the content concise. A new TABLE-1 has been provided with all details as suggested that summarize the whole paper well. We have removed Figure 9 from the revised version. We have kept other 8 figures as they are of great value to the paper since they show case rare and important liver histology findings of Ayurvedic herbs causing liver injury which is not seen in current literature to this extent. Since the Journal did not limit figures or wording, only the redundant figure has been removed and rest maintained to add more credibility and value to the paper (as all images are from the authors own experience). We request and hope the reviewer will kindly allow for this so as to keep the manuscript of good value with respect to not only descriptions in text, but also rare and striking real-life patient histology images.

Science Editor Comments: 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; and (2) the author should number the references in Arabic numerals according to the citation order in the text. The reference numbers will be superscripted in square brackets at the end of the sentence with the citation content or after the cited author's name, with no spaces.

Authors response: Thank you for the comments. We have uploaded the original PPT version of the figures with editable components. We have removed Figure 9. A new Table has been added. The references and manuscript formatting has been completed and checked for as per Journal requirement.

We hope these modifications and revisions are as expected.

Thanking you,

Sincere regards,

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