

Review of: "Harmful “Herbalism” maliciously spreading from Mexico determines cases of iatrogenic Cushing's syndrome"

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This is a very good editorial letter addressing the current and most important yet serious condition that need awareness among the people; especially, those who buy a product just from the market without consulting a medical practitioner. Also, the present letter highlights few drugs that are in the market with hidden ingredients and this alerts the Government that permitted the sales of such drugs. This letter awakens the society by giving a message that “usage of illicit drugs as well as non-recommended or unprescribed drugs is also dangerous to the lives of patients”.

I really appreciate the author for choosing such a crucial and eye opening topic. However, few things are to be considered in detail before publication so that the outcome would be completely successful. Here are few of my suggestions to improve the paper:

Major suggestions:

1. You used the term herbalism in the title but I didn't find any herbal label (green dot) on the products mentioned by you; even though they have few (but not all) herbal products mentioned in the ingredients list. Please, revise or justify.
2. In Table 1, I see only 8 patients' data? This is a very small and nuclear data which is not sufficient for scientific consideration as all the 8 doesn't belong to the same age group. Can you provide any statistical data or justify.
3. At the same time, in Table 1, what is the total “n” considered for each age group? Or is this a generalized or random data? Please explain.
4. Table 1 show that the work is done more on female patients compared to that on male patients. Can you please explain the reason? If this is not a work, is this just a single report?
5. What does manifest and not manifest in Table 1 mean? Please, mention
6. The Table 1 reports the levels of ACTH and Cortisol. How did you measure them?
7. In Table 1, what do you mean by good/bad prognosis? You must explain your opinion or consideration in this regard

Minor suggestion: You must consider revising your English language with an English expert or English speaking person.

All the best