

# Review of: "Toxicological evaluation of aqueous extracts of *Clematis hirsuta* and *Rhamnus prinoides*"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

It is quite controversial that reduced feed and water intake did not result to reduced weight gain.

Probably increased body weight may be due to increases in weight of an organ which unfortunately was not measured.

What volume of distilled water was given to the control rats relative to the volume of extracts given?

Did you withdraw food and water before treatment? If yes for how long was there a withdrawal?

How did you measure water and feed consumption since all five rats were in the same cage?

These questions are crucial to the parameters measured as feed and water consumption and body weight are strongly affected by the taste of the extract, and the volume of substance taken at once.