

Editor's Comment:

I reviewed the manuscript and the comments of the four reviewers. Some aspects of the manuscript is interesting, however, the manuscript requires major revision as generally discussed in the following comments:

1. The hypolipidemic effects of Hibiscus Subdariffa appeared to be previously described in the literature, however, the effects on hibiscus on cholesterol transport (LDL and HDL) may be novel and it needs to be clarified in the revision. The authors needs to provide a review of the literature on the action of hibiscus on lipoprotein cholesterol transport.
2. Given the very small number of animals used in this investigation, a total of 4 animal/test group animals, I consider the work presented in this manuscript is at best preliminary and not definitive investigation. The title of the manuscript must be revised to denote that it is preliminary investigation.
3. I fully agree with all four reviewers comments and the authors are encouraged to address all these comments in a revised copy of their manuscript.
4. The authors need to clarify whether they investigated the calyx (sepal) of hibiscus in the study and not the leaves. Also, what is the active pharmacological ingredients in this plant? Is the active ingredient evenly distributed in the plant (leaves, corolla, stem, etc.). Are their any clinical studies performed on hibiscus with respects to its known pharmacological actions. Please discuss the common hibiscus drink Carcade as to how it is made and consumed. Are the doses of hibiscus used in this study are relevant to doses consumed in Carcade drink?

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