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On behalf of all authors, I am writing to submit our manuscript of our original research entitled “Anti-obesity and haematological effects of Malaysia *Hibiscus sabdariffa* L*.* aqueous extract on obese Sprague Dawley rats” for the publication in your journal. **We declare that the material submitted to you is new, original and has not been submitted to another publication**. The study identified anthocyanins as their main compounds (cyanidin-3-*O*-sambubioside and delphinidin-3-*O*-sambubbioside) found in *Hibiscus sabdariffa* and confirm the anti-obesity effect of *Hibiscus sabdariffa* extractas reported by Mexican population. Based on our data, the intake of 300 mg/kg of aqueous extract of *Hibiscus sabdariffa* for 10 weeks was shown to be most effective in reducing body weight and abdominal fat with some effect on cholesterol level. The dose given was proven to be safe as mortality was not observed in all treated groups.

The co-authors of this manuscript have contributed significantly and qualified for authorship. I also would like to confirm that the final manuscript has been read and approved for submission to the Journal of Functional Foods in Health and Disease (FFHD).

The principal investigator (Maizatul Hasyima Omar) would be responsible for communicating with other authors in relation to revision and final approval of the proof.

**We can also confirm that we can pay the article publication fee of $895.00 US dollars**.

Please find the manuscript. If you have any query related to this manuscript, please feel free to write me.

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