

**Re: Cyriac Philips via Frontiers: Please update us on the manuscript progress**

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To: Frontiers in Pharmacology - Peer Review <pharmacology.editorial.office@frontiersin.org>

To,
Dr. Laura Johnson PhD
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From
Dr. Cyriac Abby Philips,
On behalf of all co-authors of the accepted publication: "SEVERE LIVER INJURY DUE TO THE PROPRIETARY HERBAL LIV.52® -CLINICAL OUTCOMES, TOXICOLOGY, AND CRITICAL REVIEW OF LITERATURE", DOI: 10.3389/fphar.2024.1276313.

Dear Dr Johnson,

Please find our responses to your queries below and for further action.

1. The ongoing Civil (not criminal) Court proceeding between the first and corresponding author (Dr. Cyriac Abby Philips) and Himalaya Wellness Company is independent and irrespective of, and irrelevant to the recently accepted publication in Frontiers of Pharmacology. The submission of the accepted publication started on 11th August 2023, while the Himalaya Wellness Court case was filed against Dr. Cyriac Abby Philips social media posts (and not scientific publications) on 23rd September 2023. The submission and subsequent peer review of the manuscript has followed its natural course and logical conclusion therewith. In this regard, the currently accepted publication has no bearing on the ongoing Court case and is independent of the Civil Court case proceedings which are ongoing in India. Thus, the publication of the accepted manuscript in Frontiers in Pharmacology has no legal binding whatsoever in the current situation. A copy of the Civil Court (Attached document 1) complaint from Himalaya Wellness is attached to showcase proof of date which excludes the scientific peer reviewed publication from following its logical conclusion.

2. Dr. Cyriac Abby Philips has no conflict of interests and has no financial disclosures to declare in the context of the currently accepted publication; and this is wholly truthful in the undertaking during manuscript submission. The financial conflicts that Himalaya Wellness has argued is information of the past. Dr. Cyriac Abby Philips, had in the past, paid Clinical Advisory position with Cipla Limited, during years 2018 to 2020 which is currently null, void and inactive. A copy of this past financial disclosure (Attached document 2) is attached herewith for your reference. Since 2020, Dr. Cyriac Abby Philips has had no financial disclosures or other personal conflict of interests to make. This fact has been truthfully provided and is, as it is, in the accepted publication.

Considering Points 1 and 2, it is justified, logical and rational that the accepted manuscript be published by Frontiers in Pharmacology since it has passed scientific scrutiny, open access payments and finalization of proof from the authors. There is no active legal order from a Court of Law currently in place that precludes Frontiers Journal or the authors from publishing this scientifically accepted peer-reviewed manuscript since the currently ongoing legal proceedings are independent of this publication and the submission, peer-review and final acceptance of the manuscript is independent of current Court proceedings.

The current Civil Court proceeding has not yet started and is only in the process of objection filing from defendants. There is no definite period for the completion of such Civil proceedings as it may take even decades to conclude in the Indian setting. As proven above, our recently accepted manuscript has no legal binding and is in fact of public health importance for the education of the science community from an esteemed journal such as Frontiers in Pharmacology.

Furthermore, from a legal perspective, apart from the manuscript being exempt from the legal proceedings, Frontiers Journal is also exempt from the current legal proceedings since it is not bound by Civil laws in India since Frontiers has no registered offices in India.

We have faith that the journal will continue to stand by logic and science and we request that you kindly do the needful regarding proceeding with this pertinent publication.

Thanking you in advance and sincerely,

Dr. Cyriac Abby Philips

Corresponding author, on behalf of all authors.

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