

Evaluation of the estrogenic activity in immature female rats and acute oral toxicity of the *Pueraria candollei* var. *mirifica* (Airy Shaw & Suvat.) Niyomdham

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Summary: *Pueraria candollei* var. *Mirifica* (*P. mirifica*) and its extracts are widely used as the ingredients in many rejuvenating products in Thailand. In recent time, *P. mirifica* has been acclimatized in Vietnam. To find out if *P. mirifica* acclimatized in Vietnam has estrogenic activity or not, we investigated the estrogenic activity of *P. mirifica* using uterotropic assay in immature female rats. The study results showed that *P. mirifica* planted in Bacgiang, Vietnam had increased the relative wet and dry weight of uterus at doses of 100 mg/kg, 200 mg/kg, 500 mg/kg; the relative wet weight of ovary at doses of 100 mg/kg, 500 mg/kg; the relative wet weight of vagina at doses of 50 mg/kg, 100 mg/kg, 200 mg/kg, 500 mg/kg; the relative dry weight of vagina at dose of 500 mg/kg. Especially, we have undefined LD50 in mice fed with *P. mirifica* at dose up to 55 g/kg BW, is far higher than the effective dose. The results of this study confirmed estrogen activity and the safety of *P. mirifica* acclimatized in Vietnam