

### **Latest update on a case of solanaceous alkaloid poisoning**

Recently, the Department of Health (DH) received notification of a case of solanaceous alkaloid poisoning after consumption of Chinese herbs. Solanaceous alkaloids were detected both in the patient's urine and the herbal broth samples. The Government Laboratory (GL) testing results also showed the presence of solanaceous alkaloid in five of the herbs sampled from the retailer. The patient fully recovered after hospitalization. DH has issued press releases on 22 and 28 August 2014 respectively. However, the latest GL results on 1 September indicated that no solanaceous alkaloids could be detected in any of the herbs sampled from the relevant wholesalers.

So far, DH has not received any other report of related adverse incidents.

Members of the public are reminded to follow Chinese medicine practitioners' instructions and advice, as well as to purchase the herbs from credible suppliers. They should seek medical advice if there is any discomfort after taking herbal medicines.

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