Author's response to reviews

Title: CNS activity of Pokeweed Anti-viral Protein (PAP) In mice infected with Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis Virus (LCMV)

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Dear BioMed Central Editorial Team,

On behalf of the authors of this manuscript, I would like to submit the reformatted version of the manuscript entitled “CNS Activity Of Pokeweed Anti-Viral Protein (PAP) In Mice Infected With Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis Virus (LCMV).” The following requested formatting changes have been made.

1) Title - All unnecessary capitalization was removed from the title, both in the manuscript file and the submission system.
2) Running title - The running title was removed from the title page.
3) Email addresses – All email addresses for all authors were included on the title page, ensuring that they are identical to those in the submission system.
4) Section headings - All the colons were removed from all headings in the manuscript.
5) Section headings - All unnecessary capitalization were removed from all headings and sub-headings in the manuscript.
6) Competing interests - A 'Competing interests' section is included between the List of Abbreviations and Authors' contributions with the statement.
7) Author's contributions – This was changed to 'Authors' contributions', and the full stops were remove from the authors' initials.
8) References - In the manuscript text, all the references are now before the full stop rather than after. The reference list now contains all authors' names. The term "et al" is removed.
9) Website addresses - Website addresses are now cited in the reference list and removed from the manuscript text. They are cited using the following format: Website title [http://www.website.com].
10) Figures - The figure is no longer included in the manuscript file. We left only the title and legend.
11) Tables – The table has been remade as requested in a Word-generated table containing cells and encompassed by a black box.

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Best regards,

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