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The paper (Blechnum orientale Linn. – A Fern with Potential as Antioxidant, Anticancer and Antibacterial Agent) can be accepted as a preliminary note after minor revision. According to the results in the manuscript, antioxidant, anticancer and antibacterial activities of the methanolic extract from Blechnum orientale is medium. Authors didn’t report the promising compounds of the methanolic extract from Blechnum orientale. Comments and suggestions to authors are listed as follows.

1. Authors didn’t report the positive control in the anticancer assay.
2. In the manuscript, “methanol extract” should be revised to be “methanolic extract”.
3. The word “n” in “n-butanol” should type in Italic font.
4. The statement in “Discussion” is not concise; authors should remove some indirect text.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.