Author's response to reviews

Title: Enhancement of antimicrobial activities of whole and sub-fractionated white tea by addition of copper (II) sulphate and vitamin C against Staphylococcus aureus; a mechanistic approach

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The authors would like to thank the reviewers for their comments which we believe have strengthened the paper considerably. Please find the revised manuscript entitled “Enhancement of antimicrobial activities of whole and sub-fractionated white tea by addition of copper (II) sulphate and vitamin C against Staphylococcus aureus; a mechanistic approach” which has been reworked as requested prior to publication as a research article in BMC Complimentary and Alternative Medicine.

Reviewer one;
1. The language in the method section of the abstract has been attended to and now reads with greater clarity. In addition, the comments concerning pH and catalase have been addressed.
2. The table citation has been removed
3. The abbreviation of N/A has been explained in the table key.

Discretionary revisions;
These have been taken on board and the script/figures reworked accordingly.

Reviewer 2:
1. The language has been addressed throughout the text.
2. The authors feel, contrary the reviewers comments, that the inclusion of material concerning both Green and Black teas (GT & BT) is instrumental in this story and so this part of the paper has been reworked to aid clarity and continuity.
3. The table has indeed been moved to the back of the manuscript.
4. The results and discussion section has now been split into two separate sections. The authors originally decided that discussing each result in turn aided the reading of the script. However, we believe creating separate sections has strengthened the paper.
by allowing further discussion of pertinent research areas although. The conclusion has remained a separate section.

With these thoughts and comments in mind we again thank the reviewers and commend this revised paper to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information you may require.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Kelly