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Title: Evaluation of the therapeutic value and safety of some South African medicinal plants

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. Section 2.3, paragraph 2, line 1-2: it should read 1x10^4 per ml and not per cell.

2. The last line on pg 6 should read .........., was (not were) dissolved with 100 ul MTT stp...

3. Under the Results section: Section 3.1, sentence No. 2. Delete the last two words (were observed) before reference [29].

4. Under Discussion: the MICs indicated in the first sentence of the first sentence of paragraph No. 2 are not the same as those indicated in Figure 1. The values are 10 times lower.

5. Conclusions: I suggest deletion of the second and 3rd sentences of the conclusion. The second sentence is more anecdotal than a rational conclusion from the results. The third sentence is again more of a speculation than evidence based selective anticancer activity. Only one cell line was used. Alos consider re-wording sentence No. 4.

6. On the references list: Delete Journal Issue numbers for references No. 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18(and Feb), and 25.

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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