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Title: Rhaphidophora korthalsii modulates peripheral blood natural killer cell proliferation, cytokine secretion and cytotoxicity

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Dear Dr,

I wish to submit the revised regular article entitled "Rhaphidophora korthalsii modulates peripheral blood natural killer cell proliferation, cytokine secretion and cytotoxicity".

We have provided the responses to the comments raised by both reviewers as stated below.

**Comment**: The dose-dependent effect of *R. korthalsii* on NK cell population requires to be further explained in the Discussion.  
**Response**: The dose-dependent effect of *R. korthalsii* on NK cell population was further discussed in the 1st paragraph of Discussion.

**Comment**: Please depict the meaning of the superior letters in Table 1 and Table 2.  
**Response**: superior letters in Table 1 and 2 have explained below each table.

**Comment**: The statistical indications are absent in graph of Figure 5.  
**Response**: Statistical indications were presented in Figure 5.

**Comment**: Is the Ref. 21 omitted?  
**Response**: Yes. Ref 21 was omitted and was not included even in the previously revised manuscript. We have edited the reference list accordingly.

**Comment**: Some grammatical errors need to be revised.  
**Response**: Grammatical errors in the manuscript were revised.

I hope that the revised manuscript will be useful and suitable for publication. Your kind consideration is very much appreciated.

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