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To the Editor
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Dear Editor,

Please find attached our electronic reviewed manuscript version, entitled:

“Biological properties of carotenoids extracted from isolated Halobacterium halobium from Tunisian solar saltern”,

referred as MS: 1564291537868829. It is to be submitted to BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

All the authors: Molka Abbes, Houda Baati, Sonda Guermazi, Concetta Messina, Andrea Santulli, Neji Gharsallah and I, are mutually agreed for its submission in “BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine”.

In the reviewed version, the total manuscript words count is 4719 words and the abstract provided 187 words.

Five keywords were provided for describing the work, useful for indexing purposes. The manuscript includes seven figures and two tables.

All the corrections are typewritten in blue color in the reviewed manuscript.

Referee 1: Antonella Leone

Minor Essential Revisions
Page. 10 line 4-5:
The following sentence “These peaks indicated that the main carotenoid was bacterioruberin” should be changed in something as “Although no comparison with pure standard or established by further analyses, based on the literature data, we strongly believe that these peaks indicated that the main carotenoid was bacterioruberin”.
This remark was taken into account and the sentence was added in the MS.

Discretionary Revisions
At the reference 49 (page 11) should be added more specific papers, which are related with the anti-cancer activity and the action mechanism mentioned from the authors, as the following:


The three references suggested by the reviewer were added (page 11, line 22; page 19, lines 6-15).

Thanking you again for your attention to our paper and waiting to hearing from you I remain.

Sincerely yours,

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