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Dear Colleague

Final Revision of MS on activity and safety of *Eriosema* extract and 8 isolated compounds

We have made all the changes requested as shown below.

**Response to Reviewer and Associate Editor Comments**

**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Antimicrobial activity and cytotoxicity of the ethanol extract, fractions and eight compounds isolated from *Eriosema robustum* (Fabaceae)

**Reviewer:** Sandy van Vuuren

Changes in abstract could be improved i.e.
“*All the isolated compounds had a relatively weak antimicrobial activity for isolated compounds.*”
Rather……..”*All the isolated compounds had a relatively weak antimicrobial activity.*”

All other areas where MIC’s are reported at two different times i.e. fungal cultures have not been changed.
The authors should consider amending this.
“*Compound 8 had the best …….against bacteria (average MIC 55 µg/ml).*” word missing?

**Response.** Highlighted changes have been made in manuscript based on the reviewer's comments

**Associate Editor comments:**

Could you please indicate which solvent used for which compound for NMR experiments?

**Response.** Solvents for NMR experiments are now indicated in the highlighted experimental part for all compounds.

Page 9, Results and Discussion please replace 'yellowish' with 'yellow' for compound 1, 2 and 8.

**Response.** Yellowish have been replaced in highlighted text by yellow for compounds 1, 2 and 8 as requested.

I trust that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication.

With kind regards

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