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Object: MS: 6131268361012603 - Antioxidant and cytoprotective activities of Piper betle, Areca catechu, Uncaria gambier and betel quid with and without calcium hydroxide, Nordin et al.

Thank you for consideration of our manuscript for publication in your journal. We have reviewed the above manuscript according to your reviewer’s comments.

Reviewer #1 (Dr Daniel Bezerra)

- The reviewer has agreed that we have answered all his questions. I am attaching his file below:

Reviewer # 2 (Dr Alberto de Oliveira)

Minor Essential Revisions

1) The formula of calcium hydroxide is wrong along the paper. The correct is Ca(OH)2

   - We have revised and decided to write Ca(OH)2 in full, i.e. calcium hydroxide. Please see page 2.

4) Scientific name is wrong in Figure 1 legend (p. 30), the correct is Areca nut.

   - We have made the correction for Areca nut in Figure 1 legend.
Editorial comment:

- Please clarify in your manuscript whether a voucher specimen of the betel leaves used in your study have been deposited in a publicly available herbarium.

  o We have added all the information that was available to address this comment. Please the text on page 6:

    The herbarium voucher specimen was authenticated and identified by the morphology and fragrance of the leaves by Mr Kamarudin Saleh from the Herbarium Unit of the Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM, Kepong, Selangor, Malaysia). The betel leaves were prepared and deposited according to the regulation specified by the FRIM Herbarium. The voucher number for Piper betle leaves is PID 411113-20.

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  o We have included the title page. Please see the text on page 1