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Dear Editor

I am very pleased to submit on behalf of the co-authors of this manuscript, the revised form of our paper.

ANSWER TO EDITOR

Dear Prof Pierre,

Thank you for submitting your revised manuscript to BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine. We have assessed your revised manuscript and, before we can proceed, we will require you to make some final revisions to your manuscript.

1- We note that you have not included your abstract in your manuscript document. Before we proceed, we require you to include your abstract in your manuscript. This should be placed between your title page and background section.

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2- We require you to revise your ethics statement. We acknowledge that you have stated that your study was conducted in accordance with internationally accepted guidelines. However we require you to revise this statement to specifically state that your study protocol had been approved by your institutional animal ethics committee. Please also ensure that you name the committee that approved your protocol.

Dear Editor, the issue of the "Ethical Committee for the care and use of laboratory animals" is very crucial in Cameroon.
For instance, The University of Dschang does not really have an Ethical Committee. This problem was recently brought out during a staff meeting and a promise was made by the administration of the University of Dschang to give more lights about this fundamental problem. Presently, many researchers from our University and other Cameroonian Universities simply follow the available international guidelines for the use of animals in Laboratories such as the one included in our paper (Reference 41).

I therefore suggest that you maintain the formula that we used to justify the ethical consideration in our paper. Many thanks for your understanding.

Best regards
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