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Dear Editor,

I would appreciate the comments and suggestions of the reviewers. We answer each one of the points and additionally, the final version was corrected by a native and includes all of the changes.

Additionally, we include ethical committee letter in English and the objectives of the project that funded the research for this article and the contract of the funding Colombian office.

Thanks for your interest in our work.

Best wishes

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Reviewers report
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Reviewers report:
This manuscript is a revised version of a submission describing the use of Caesalpinia spinosa extracts for the potential treatment of breast cancer. The investigators have used the 4T1 model of breast cancer to test this extract and have demonstrated a suppression of tumor growth. In addition the investigators have demonstrated that this may result from the alteration of IL-6 levels systemically, and speculate that there may be an important local effect.
Overall the manuscript is an improvement over the previous version. there are however still some improvements in language that would be helpful:

Top of page 10, the authors state that the process "has a time frame". It is not clear what the authors are suggesting. Please clarify

In the revised manuscript we clarify the sentence was changed.

Page 11, the authors still are using the phrase "mice mammary fat pads", rather than "mouse mammary fat pad"

This change has been included in the revised manuscript.

Page 11, the authors use state " may have been entailed in..." please clarify

In the revised manuscript we clarify the sentence was changed.

Page 12 "refringent" should perhaps be "refractory"

This change has been included in the revised manuscript.

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