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Dear Executive Editor,

The following changes were made to the manuscript titled “Anti-hyperglycemic activity of Centella asiatica is partly mediated by carbohydrase inhibition and glucose-fiber binding”, as per the reviewer comment and your editorial requirements.

Sincerely,

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RESPONSE TO THE CONCERNS OF THE REVIEWERS:

Reviewer: Dr. Shih-Liang Chang

Discretionary Revisions

The authors have added the data of positive control (BHT, Ascorbic acid etc.) in the results & table 1-3 according to the comment #3, but the protocol seem not mention in the section of method. Please complete or totally delete this part. I consider the anti-oxidative property did not so close relationship to this topic.

We acknowledge the concern of the reviewer about the protocols of the ant-oxidant tests.

Any more detailed description about the protocols will increase the verbosity of the article and will make the manuscript unnecessary clumsy. Besides, as we previously said, antioxidant tests were not an integral part of our study.

Hence, the authors have decided to totally remove the part, concurring to the reviewer’s suggestion.

We thank the Reviewer, on appreciating our work and improving upon the focus and overall readability of our manuscript.

INCLUSION OF NEW AUTHORS:

The authors have decided to include two additional authors in the manuscript because they believe the added author’s work has made significant contribution to the final manuscript.

Below, we have specified the specific roles the included authors have played in the manuscript:

Arif Ahmed: Carried out the initial screening tests and toxicological studies on the used extract. He was responsible for preparation of the extract.

Farjana Akhter: Carried out the in-vitro tests and phytochemical analysis. She was also responsible for preparation of the extract.
As per your journal policy, we understand that new authors can be included at any time, provided they have significantly contributed to the final manuscript. And we now have considered that they had done that contribution. It is worth mentioning, their names have been previously kept in the acknowledgement section of the manuscript. The newly included authors acknowledge their inclusion and have agreed to take full responsibilities of the final manuscript and all of its previous versions.

Therefore kindly allow us to include the additional authors and thus oblige.

Regards

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