Reviewer's report

Title: Effects of earthworm (Pheretima aspergillum) extract on bone cell activities

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1. Title and Subheadings and figure legends are not descriptive. In fact they are trite and do not convey enthusiasm. Each begins with: "Effects of" This format style should be varied by STATING the effects! Starting with the title the construction: "Effects of" is used 10 times which is excessive and not professional.

2. Next time if possible the authors should return a copy of the paper that has the lines numbered.

3. The paper should be read by someone proficient in English so that too many words (e.g. very) should be removed.

4. The computer can do a spell and grammar check 5. Beginning on page 3, 4, 5 there should be sub-headings under the major headings to improve clarity. (Please DO NOT use Effects of). Subheadings should help to guide the reader.

6. Similarly on pages 7,8,9, there should be sub-headings.

7. Interpretation and conclusions are not clear on page 8.

8. Figures 2 and 4 are difficult to read with the alphabets lower left and starting with A at the bottom left. In addition the figures would be clearer if arrows were used to point out

9. Authors should carefully check Pub Med for papers dealing with Lumbrokinase which exerts profound effects and must be discussed.

10. To aid in better writing, authors should read out loud the paper that will usually reveal ways to improve the writing.

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