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We are grateful for all comments on our paper. We made the suggested corrections to meliorate it and also, when necessary, the modified text (in red) was added in the manuscript. Bellow our answers to comments.

Editorial comments:

- Please include more information in your Methods section on exactly how the snake venom used in your study was harvested.

Answer: We have changed the following statement at Material and Methods section:

Venom

Crude venoms were collected from male and female adults B. jararacussu specimens [Bjssu, DL50mouse, e.v. = 5.18 mg/kg], in an appropriate glass recipient covered by a plastic paraffin film in order to avoid contamination with saliva. The snake specimens are kept in the Nature Studies Centre’s Serpentary from University of Vale do Paraiba (UNIVAP, São José dos Campos, SP, Brazil) [24]. After collection, the venom pool was immediately placed in an ice bath and further lyophilized and kept in refrigerator at 4°C. All this process was certified by Professor Dr José Carlos Cogo from UNIVAP.

- While we appreciate that revisions have been made, we still feel that your manuscript would benefit from further improvements to the style and grammar of written English. We would therefore recommend that you ask a native English speaking colleague to help you copyedit the paper. If this is not possible, you may need to use a professional language editing service. For authors who wish to have the language in their manuscript edited by a native-English speaker with scientific expertise, BioMed Central recommends Edanz (www.edanzediting.com/bmc1). BioMed Central has negotiated a 10% discount to the fee charged to BioMed Central authors by Edanz. Use of an editing service is neither a requirement nor a guarantee of acceptance for publication. For more information, see our FAQ on language editing services at
Answer: We have performed extensive changes in the second version of the manuscript, as suggested by both reviewers. The changes have improved the quality of the manuscript and we thank both reviewers. The method we have used to show those changes has contributed to generate typos and still there are some misconstructions of paragraphs or words. We believe we have fixed them all. However, we could use the service indicated if the Editor judges necessary.

Reviewer's report
Title: Vellozia flavicans Mart. ex Schult. hydroalcoholic extract inhibits the neuromuscular blockade-induced by Bothrops jararacussu venom
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Reviewer: Stella R Zamuner
Reviewer's report: The authors have changed the manuscript and included all the requested information.
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests

Answer: Once again, we would like to thank the reviewer for helping us to improve the manuscript quality.

Reviewer's report
Title: Vellozia flavicans Mart. ex Schult. hydroalcoholic extract inhibits the neuromuscular blockade-induced by Bothrops jararacussu venom
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Reviewer: Maria Alice Cruz-Hofling
Reviewer's report: In relation to the present paper it gained a great improvement and I think it can be accepted for publication considering the research and data obtained. Nevertheless, there is English problems...I do not have time to list all of them...but there is things like "but it did not showed!!" (see 2nd line of conclusion).

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Looking forward to have the manuscript accepted for publication, I thank you for your time.
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