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Title: In vivo antimalarial activity of the crude leaf extract and solvent fractions of Croton macrostachyus (Euphorbiaceae) against Plasmodium berghei in mice

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Dear Editor,

We submitted a study made on the potential antimalarial activity of *Croton macrostachyus* H. (Euphorbiaceae), a plant used in Ethiopian folklore medicine for treatment of malaria, using a rodent model of malaria. The study investigated the crude extract and solvent fractions of the leaves of the plant using the 4-day suppression test as well as the curative test. We were, however, advised to expand the rationale, as the journal does not consider works done based on traditional practice only for publication. Although we found this a little bit strange, given the fact that correlation between in vitro and in vivo studies is not always observed, we have attempted to expand the background by including relevant studies as suggested. We hope the MS fits the scope of your journal and you will give it due consideration so as it could be published in your esteemed journal.

Regards
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