Author's response to reviews

Title: Antimicrobial activity of two South African honeys produced from indigenous Leucospermum cordifolium and Erica species on selected micro-organisms

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Dear Editor,

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Below is a point by point response to the comments made by the reviewers.

Reviewer 1
Bacterial names in Table 1 were changed into italic.

Referee 3
The manuscript was checked for language and the incorrect use of apostrophes was corrected.

Methods
The methods section was shortened by removing redundant information regarding the dilutions (last paragraph, page 4 and second paragraph, page 5).

Results
The results section was shortened by removing some of the information repeated from table 2 (last paragraph, page 6).

Discussion
The possibility of uncovering honeys with high levels of antibacterial activity by surveying a larger sample group of honey is discussed (first paragraph, page 7).

Formatting checklist
The following formatting changes, as suggested in the report, were made:

- Abstract was structured into “Background, Methods, Result and Conclusions”.
- Introduction was changed to “Background”.
- Materials and Methods was changed to “Methods”
- A “competing interests” section was included.
- “Authors’ contributions” section was included.
- Tables were pasted into the main manuscript after the references section.

A few smaller formatting changes were made according to the formatting checklist.