Author's response to reviews

Title: Assessment of the medicinal potentials of the methanol extracts of the leaves and stems of Buddleja saligna.

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Buddleja saligna-Response to reviewers’ comments
The Editor,
The response to the comments of the reviewers is stated in red and they are as shown below:

Reviewer I
The only suggestion I have would be to add the codes for the bacterial strains used, assuming that these were commercially available strains.

The bacterial strains were obtained from Rhodes University. They were not actually commercial strains hence it will not be possible to add the codes for the bacterial strains.

Reviewer II
For Bioassay: The Agar dilution method used by authors is not appropriate for such studies. I propose that authors should repeat the antimicrobial assay using broth dilution that is more adequate to investigate the activities on microorganisms implicated in systemic diseases. Also the use of two reference drugs is not justified. I propose that they should use only one and determined the real MICs instead of giving approximated values.

For antioxidant: The antioxidant assays should be determined as dose-effect for both ABTS, DPPH, and FRAP methods. All these assays should be re-done at different extract concentration in order to illustrate clearly their dose-activity potency.

Minor observations:
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With respect to the comments of the reviewer on the conduct of the bioassay, I will like to state that the methods used are very appropriate and that accounted for the results obtained.

The use of the 2 antibiotics is to take care of the broad spectrum nature of these agents especially that both Gram-positive and Gram-negative strains were used.

For the anti-oxidant, I also submit that the methodologies used for ABTS, DPPH and FRAP are quite in order.

Minor observations:
Journal abbreviations-this has now been corrected as Int. J. Pharmacog.
Author’s name- “Ordoñez” not “Ordon Ez” has now been corrected.