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The manuscript does not contain much data, and thus appears rather preliminary. However, it might provide an important start to the identification of novel anti-HIV-1 molecules and thus be interest for those in the field. The conclusion that the medicinal extracts inhibit viral entry is well supported by the data. My only recommendation is to sharpen the introduction, which is too broad – there is no need to recapitulate the clinical history of HIV-1 infected individuals or provide textbook information on the viral life cycle.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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