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The response of the authors is noted. After reading the response I received clarity to the questions asked namely: why MIC values were only determined for Gram-negative bacteria and also why only methanolic extracts were tested against cancer cell lines and not water extracts. This should also be mentioned in the manuscript to avoid doubt.

After this explanation it is therefore no longer necessary to repeat tests to determine the MIC values as initially requested.

Changes accepted, inclusion of reasons are required

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