Reviewer's report

Title: Wound healing effects of Malaysian propolis and Brazilian red propolis on connective tissue fibroblasts in the healing process

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Reviewer: Christian Agyare

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Abstract
Line 7, 8: The sentence is not clear
Lines 10 and 12: change “than control” to “compare to control”

Introduction
Line 8: insert reference at the end of sentence
Line 12: change “tissue” to “tissues”

Materials and method
State the month within which the collection of the propolis was done
How were the samples authenticated?
For all reagents and equipment, include the specific town/city where the company is located
Line 94: delete “of DMSO”
Lines 95 and 96: sentence not clear. Re-write sentence
Line 103: state volume of seeded cells
Line 108: what is “spent medium”?
Lines 105 and 106: what was the thickness and length of wound created?
Line 128: state volume of seeded cells

Discussion
Line 201: delete “on” after “studied”.
Line 237: why do you refer to an unpolished study
Lines 262 and 263: “and this could be due to low initial seeding of cells”. The phrase indicates that the standardization of cells wasn’t accurately done.

Line 272: delete space before “taken”

Line 301: insert reference at the end of sentence
Line 312: insert reference

Lines 310 to 323 should be clearly linked VEGF and PDGF to the influence of propolis on cell
migration and proliferation.

References
Line 371: delete “:” and replace with “.”
Line 376: delete “:” and replace with “.”
Line 383: delete “:” and replace with “.”
Line 386: include the names of all the contributors.
Line 391: delete “:” and replace with “.”
Line 420: include the names of all the contributors
Line 438: delete “:” and replace with “.”
Line 441: delete “:” and replace with “.”

List of figures
Insert appropriate labels in microscopic images of Figures 1 and 3 to aid in identification of significant features in the images.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare no conflict of interest