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Abstract:

1. The abstract is rather too long. Please read the instruction to authors regarding writing an abstract and do the necessary changes.

2. Scientific names should be abbreviated at their first mention along with their full names. Eg; Mycobacterium smegmatis (M. smegmatis)… Parinari curatellifolia (P. curatellifolia)… Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M. tuberculosis). Further mentions can be written in abbreviated forms.

3. Grammatical and typographical errors need to be rectified.

Background:

4. Technical names should be abbreviated at their first mention along with their full names. Eg; Tuberculosis (TB)… Multi-resistant Tuberculosis (MTB) etc. Further mentions can be written in abbreviated forms.

5. The background section too seems to be lengthy. There is so much mention on the theory of tuberculosis infection, which could be cut down.

6. The language needs to be corrected with the help of a native English speaker.

7. The authors fail to introduce the significance of using M. smegmatis in the study. This should be rectified.

8. The background should mention the important phytochemicals reported from the plant previously.
Methods, Results and Conclusion:

9. Plenty of grammatical errors and spelling errors are found throughout the section. These need to be rectified if the manuscript needs to be published. The language needs to be corrected with the help of a native English speaker.

References:

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