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ANSWER TO REVIEWERS

Thank for you adding a sentence stating that you did not consider leaf/water extract in this study. The reviewer suggested that leaf extract in particular would have been good to include as it represents a more sustainable part of the plant than the root.

Reviewer's comment sent on 9th June:
"for sustainable production is much easier to use leaves as a source of the drug without destroying the plant if is has - as stated - the same activity. "

Reviewer's comment sent on 15th July:
"[The absence of leaf extract is] a negative input for a sustainable application"

Therefore, I would be grateful if you would improve the discussion of this limitation to include information about the impact on sustainability of using root versus leaf. The current acknowledgement of the limitations of the study is not sufficient as you have not discussed the impact or relevance of the limitations, as noted by the reviewer.

-The discussion about the impact on sustainability of using root versus leaf has been improved in the discussion section of the manuscript as recommend by the Reviewers.