Reviewer’s report

Title: The intake of maqui (Aristotelia chilensis) berry extract normalizes H2O2 and IL-6 concentrations in exhaled breath condensate from healthy smokers - An explorative study.

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The manuscript by Vergara et al describes a preliminary study exploring the potential effect of maquis extract on the respiratory health of cigarette smokers. While the sample size is relatively small, it is sufficient for the exploratory study, which the authors acknowledge. The findings that the maquis extract restores H2O2 and IL-6 levels in cigarette smokers is interesting and worth pursuing with larger size study appropriate controls.

Major Compulsory Revisions:
None

Minor Essential Revisions:
While representing p values, authors use comma. They are advised to use decimal points.

Page 9: Spelling of Interleukin needs to be changed (from interleuquin).

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.