Author’s response to reviews

Title: Mapping the evidence of hepatoprotective properties of Moringa oleifera from sub-Saharan African countries: a systematic review protocol

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Comment 1: In the Methods (inclusion criteria) it is stated: “Articles, letters, reviews, report, and comments will be included in this study”. This description is vague. What is meant by articles? Please clarify why letters are being included; do you mean any letter of letters with data pertaining to the objective of the review? Similarly, please comment on why comments are being included?

Response 1: Thank you for the comment. In this protocol, the authors meant by “articles” that peer-reviewed literature and non-peer reviewed published articles including scientific reports related to the research topic will be included.

The new list of inclusion criteria is read as follows:

- In vivo research on rats and mice treated with sub-Saharan African Moringa oleifera to manage the liver damage.
- Where AST, ALT, GGT, ALP, SOD, CAT, GR, and MDA are measured in the animals’ serum.
- Peer-reviewed literature and non-peer reviewed published articles including scientific reports related to the research topic.

(Refer to page 6 under the inclusion criteria section of the clean version as well as the version with highlighted sections).
Comment 2: Will the electronic search strategy be PRESSed (details about PRESS can be found in the PRISMA-P explanation and elaboration article)?

Response 2: Thank you for the comment. The authors declare that the electronic search strategy (PRESS) will not be used except those databases cited under section “Information sources and search strategy for identifying relevant studies” Refer to page 7 of the clean version.