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PART 1:

Journal Name:	<u>British Journal of Pharmaceutical Research</u>
Manuscript Number:	2013_BJPR_4583
Title of the Manuscript:	The Effect of Leaf Ethanol Extract of Coccinia Grandis Lin in glucose and cholesterol lowering activity
Type of the Article	Research paper

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PART 2: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p>	<p>1.Abstract part: the authors wrote “These results suggest that the aqueous leaf extract of <i>C. grandis</i> possesses significant glucose and cholesterol lowering activity in animal models”.</p> <p>What solvent used in this experiment, ethanol or aqueous?</p> <p>2.Introduction part This must be rewritten. This part should be concise with necessary information involved with this study.</p> <p>3.Materials and Methods part: Preparation of extract</p> <p>“The extract was prepared at the rate of 1g/5ml of solvent” Please give the name and grade of solvent used.</p> <p>Phytochemical screening “tannins with 5%” Please add more information e.g. 5% of what.</p> <p>It is better write the details of phytochemical screening because this part is too short.</p> <p>Test animals The authors have already written ethical approval before reference part. Thus, it is not necessary to</p>	



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	<p>write about animal ethic in this part.</p> <p>Induction of diabetes and treatment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How many rat in each group? Male or female rats?2. The authors gave 2 ml of the extract o the rats. <u>This is a weak point</u> in this study because the authors did not express the concentration of the extract. Please give the phenolic content in this “2 ml extract”. You can determined spectrophotometrically by using the Folin-Ciocalteau reagent.3. Please give references that alloxan monohydrate can induce diabetes in rat after 48 hours of administration.4. Give the reason why the authors choose “10 days” period for giving the extract to rats. (may be write this reason in discussion part).5. Please write the methods for determining glucose and cholesterol levels. <p>4.Results and discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What is cardenolides (in Table 1) ? The authors did not mention this substance before. Please give information about this substance at the end of the Table. What phytochemical group does it belong to?	
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	<p>2. There is a redundancy (Table 2 and the sentences in a paragraph above Table 2). It is better to show data in Table 2.</p> <p>3. What day the authors measured all the parameters in Table 2, day 0 or day 10?</p> <p>4. There are 5 groups of rats but the authors reported data for 4 groups. Please show data of group V (normal rats + 2 ml extract).</p> <p>5. In Table 2, diabetic glibenclamide (1ml) column. Please make clear about 1 ml because the authors wrote in Methods part that "Group III consists of alloxan- induced rats receiving Glibenclamide 114 (synthetic antidiabetic drug) at 0.5 mg/kg body weight once a day orally for 10 days."</p> <p>6. The statistical analysis in Table 2 is not clear. Please compare between group.</p> <p>It is better state , for example, that glucose level of group 1 was significantly lower than group 2 (p =) , or glucose level of diabetic group was significantly higher than diabetic with plant extract group (p =).</p> <p>7. Please label Y-axis of Figure 1.</p> <p>8. The authors must do more literature review for writing discussion.</p> <p>Group III consists of alloxan- induced rats receiving Glibenclamide 114</p>	
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	<p>(synthetic antidiabetic drug) at 0.5 mg/kg body weight once a day orally for 10 days.</p> <p>5.References part Please check format of reference. There are many mistake.</p> <p>6.English writing This need to be proved by those who are keen in English writing. There are many things that must be improved including gramma, spelling (e.g. HDI must be HDL)</p> <p>Title of this manuscript must be checked (gramma, preposition).</p>	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Yes. The authors stated that this experimental protocol was approved by Instuturional Ethics Committee (NSU/DP/12/11)	

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