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| Title and abstract and keywords | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Title | | A1 | Be concise, clear, and comprehensive. Indicate the main variables, including the name of the natural product (generic or scientific), the histopathologic type of cancer, <i>in vitro</i> model system, and assessed outcome. Abbreviations should be avoided. The ideal length is between 10 to 20 words. | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>/</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | Yes | / | No | | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Pg</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ph</td> <td>2-3</td> </tr> </table> | Pg | 1 | Ph | 2-3 | | |
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| A Structured Abstract | Objective | A2-1 | Present the gap(s) in research based on which the study was designed. Explain the main objective of the work, indicating its novelty and/or difference compared to previous such studies | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>/</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | Yes | / | No | | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Pg</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ph</td> <td>27-28</td> </tr> </table> | Pg | 2 | Ph | 27-28 | | |
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| Methods | A2-2 | Briefly describe the natural product preparation by indicating the appropriate tools and methods used for its extraction as well as identification/quantification, <i>in vitro</i> model system, and anticancer assay method | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>/</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | Yes | / | No | | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Pg</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ph</td> <td>29-33</td> </tr> </table> | Pg | 2 | Ph | 29-33 | | | |
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| Result | A2-3 | Report all main outcomes | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>/</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | Yes | / | No | | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Pg</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ph</td> <td>34-41</td> </tr> </table> | Pg | 2 | Ph | 34-41 | | | |
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| Conclusion | A2-4 | Give a qualitative assessment of the anticancer effect of the natural compound and highlight the message | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>/</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | Yes | / | No | | <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Pg</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ph</td> <td>42-43</td> </tr> </table> | Pg | 2 | Ph | 42-43 | | | |
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| | | of the work | | | | |
| Introduction | | | | | | |
| Background /rationale | I1 | Introduce the natural product and describe the background information about its phytochemical profiling and ethnopharmacological relevance | Yes / No | Pg 4 Ph 88-100 | | |
| | I2 | Justify the rationale of the selection of the test agent as a probable candidate for cancer prevention or treatment based on available literature and evidence | Yes / No | Pg 4 Ph 91-100 | | |
| Objectives | I3 | Outline the purpose and state the specific objectives of the research, pointing to the novelty of the work | Yes / No | Pg 4 Ph 88-106 | | |
| Material and Methods | | | | | | |
| Natural product characteristics | M1 | Indicate the geographical location and time of specimen collection | Yes / No | Pg Ph | This study used a commercial pure compound | |
| | <u>M2</u> | Indicate the identification of the specimens from authentic resources i.e. taxonomists, herbarium, plant information centers, and experts in the field | Yes / No | Pg Ph | This study used a commercial pure compound | |
| | M3 | Indicate which parts of the natural entity were used for bioassay (e.g., leaves, twigs, bark, flowers, fruits, roots, etc.) | Yes / No | Pg Ph | This study used a commercial pure compound | |
| | M4 | Describe the extraction method (e.g., Soxhlet, microwave-assisted extraction, ultrasound-based extraction, etc.), indicating the name and concentration of solvents, extraction temperature and time, and the percentage yield of dried extract | Yes / No | Pg Ph | This study used a commercial pure compound | |
| | M5 | Describe the quality evaluation and standardization of the natural product according to the “quality control methods for herbal materials” released by | Yes / No | Pg Ph | This study used a commercial pure | |

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| | | World Health Organization. The proper methods for phytochemical profiling with respect to major active components should be indicated. | | | compound | |
| Materials, reagents <u>and software</u> | M6 | Indicate the name of all reagents and chemicals with all vendor details, including company/institution, <u>city</u> and country | Yes / No | Pg 4-5 Ph 109-120 | | |
| | M7 | If commercial antibodies are used, report the code number in addition to the information mentioned above. For academic antibodies, report the source laboratory and relevant references. | Yes / No | Pg 4-5 Ph 114-120 | | |
| | M8 | Provide the details of any software used in the experiment (name, code etc.) | Yes / No | Pg 5-7 Ph 143,148,154,165 | | |
| <i>In vitro</i> model system characteristics | M9 | Indicate the category of <i>in vitro</i> model system (cell line, tumoroid, tissue model, etc.), including host origin (human, mouse, etc.) and the relevant histopathologic type of cancer | Yes / No | Pg 5 Ph 121-127 | | |
| | M10 | Provide the source of commercially available cell lines. Indicate the ethical approval and consent for cell lines, tumoroids or tissue models derived from patients. | Yes / No | Pg 5 Ph 121-127 | | |
| | M11 | Describe the culture conditions of <i>in vitro</i> model (media, serum, growth factors, incubation characteristics, the vehicle used to dissolve the natural product in the medium, etc.) | Yes / No | Pg 5 Ph 121-127 | | |
| | M12 | Indicate the authentication of <i>in vitro</i> model system and state what method was used for authentication | Yes / No | Pg 5 Ph 121-127 | | |
| | M13 | Confirm that mycoplasma testing has been done for <i>in vitro</i> model system | Yes / No | Pg 5 Ph 122- | | |

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| Experimental outcomes | M14 | Clearly define the primary and secondary experimental outcomes assessed (e.g., survival fraction, growth inhibition, cell migration, angiogenesis, etc.) | Yes / No | Pg 7-9 Ph 174-245 | | |
| Design of experiment | M15 | Specify the number of biological replications (n) per each intervention. Explain how the number of replications decided. Provide details of any sample size calculation used | Yes / No | Pg 7 Ph 167-172 | | |
| | M16 | Indicate the use of multiple biological entities (more than one cell line, organoid, etc.) from biologically independent sources as experimental units. Otherwise, authors need to justify their use of a single entity | Yes / No | Pg 7 Ph 174-185 | | |
| | M17 | Indicate the random assignment of experimental units to the various groups. Report the method of randomization | Yes No / | Pg Ph | The studies were compared between 2 groups (treatment, non-treatment) | |
| | M18 | Report the allocation concealment, blinded conduct of the experiment, and blinded assessment of outcomes | Yes No / | Pg Ph | The studies were conducted in <i>in vitro</i> | |
| | M19 | Indicate the assessment method of outcomes | Yes / No | Pg 5-7 Ph 129-172 | | |
| | M20 | Report the concentrations of the test product and exposure or treatment times | Yes / No | Pg 5-7 Ph 129-172 | | |
| | M21 | If variables such as IC ₅₀ (GI ₅₀) or EC ₅₀ are outcomes of interest, indicate the use of the four-parametric logistic model. Indicate the use of at least five concentrations of the test product to calculate the variables mentioned above. | Yes / No | Pg 7 Ph 174-185 | | |

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| | M22 | Indicate the use of vehicle as the negative control | Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg 7-9 Ph 174-243 | | |
| | M23 | Indicate the use of an appropriate positive control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No / <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg <input type="checkbox"/> Ph <input type="checkbox"/> | We used standard methods to assess the experiment outcome and compare effect between experimental group and control. | |
| | M24 | Indicate the use of normal biological entities (normal cell lines, normal organoids, etc.) beside neoplastic models if selective cytotoxicity has been assessed | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No / <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg <input type="checkbox"/> Ph <input type="checkbox"/> | This study did not focus on selective toxicity of compound | |
| | M25 | Express the use of the appropriate method of drug interaction analysis if synergism/antagonism has been assessed | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No / <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg <input type="checkbox"/> Ph <input type="checkbox"/> | This study did not focus on synergism/antagonism effect of compound | |
| Statistical analysis | M26 | Provide details of the statistical methods used for each analysis | Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg 7 Ph 167-172 | | |
| | M27 | Specify the unit of analysis for each dataset | Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg 7-9 Ph 174-243 | | |
| | M28 | Report any methods used to assess whether the data met the assumptions of the statistical approach. | Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg 7,8,9 167-172, Ph 207-214,228-233 | | |
| | M29 | Name the statistical software used. | Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg 7 Ph 168-172 | | |

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| Ethics code | M30 | Report protocol approval by the ethics committee. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg <input type="checkbox"/> Ph <input type="checkbox"/> | This study did not use animal, human samples | |
| Results | | | | | | |
| Natural product characteristics | R1 | Report the results of phytochemical profiling of the test entity. Including a figure that represents the profiling of the extracted compound is mandatory. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg <input type="checkbox"/> Ph <input type="checkbox"/> | This study used a commercial pure compound | |
| Baseline data | R2 | For each experimental group, report relevant characteristics of the <i>in vitro</i> model before treatment | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg 7-9 Ph 174-243 | | |
| | R3 | Report the effect of vehicle on <i>in vitro</i> model system | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg 7-9 Ph 174-243 | | |
| Numbers analyzed | R4 | Report the number of experimental units in each group included in each analysis. Report absolute numbers (e.g., 2/4, not 50%) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg 7-9 Ph 174-243 | | |
| | R5 | If any data has not been included in the analysis, explain why. Attrition information for each group should be reported. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg <input type="checkbox"/> Ph <input type="checkbox"/> | Every data have been included in the analysis | |
| Outcomes and estimation | R6 | Report the results for each analysis carried out, with a measure of precision (e.g., standard error or confidence interval) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg 7-9 Ph 174-243 | | |
| Figures and tables | R7 | Should be referred to in the text, should be express only essential information, and should be legible, easy to read, and easy to understand | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg 7-9 Ph 174-243 | | |
| Discussion | | | | | | |
| Key results | D1 | Summarize key results with reference to study objectives | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Pg 9-12 Ph 246-318 | | |

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| Interpretation/scientific implications | D2 | Interpret the results, considering the study objectives and hypothesis, current theory, and other relevant studies in the literature | Yes / No | Pg 9-12 Ph 246-318 | | |
| | D3 | For antiproliferative natural products, interpret that the test agent has selective cytotoxicity against neoplastic cells and is not anti-life | Yes / No / | Pg Ph | This study did not focus on selective toxicity of compound | |
| | D4 | Interpret that the concentrations showed the favorable outcomes <i>in vitro</i> are suitable for further pharmaceutical development | Yes / No | Pg 9-12 Ph 246-318 | | |
| | D5 | Discuss about the mechanism of action of natural product | Yes / No | Pg 9-12 Ph 246-318 | | |
| Limitations | D6 | Explain the limitations of the study in methodology or findings | Yes / No | Pg 12 Ph 314-318 | | |
| Generalizability/translation | D7 | Comment on whether and how this study's findings are likely to translate to other biological systems, including any relevance to human cancers | Yes / No | Pg 12 Ph 314-318 | | |
| Acknowledgment section | | | | | | |
| How and if the study was financed | Ak1 | List all funding sources (including grant number) and the funder(s) role in the study. | Yes / No | Pg 15 Ph 410-411 | | |
| Is the experimental protocol registered in any registry system? | Ak2 | Report if the experimental protocol has been registered in the journals or online resources | Yes / No / | Pg Ph | The study used standard protocols that have been published | |