

Comments on the article 'Antimicrobial and analgesic activities of *Wendlandia thyrsoidea* leaf extracts'

Sir

We have read with interest the article 'Antimicrobial and analgesic activities of *Wendlandia thyrsoidea* leaf extracts' by Basavaraja *et al.*^[1] published in the International Journal of Green Pharmacy, January-March, 2009. It is a well-written and highly informative article. However, we would like to add a few comments.

In material and methods section, the formula mentioned for calculating percentage protection in writhing method is $(1-V_c/V_t) \times 100$. This formula is incorrect. It might have been a typographical error. The correct formula is $(1-V_t/V_c) \times 100$.^[2] The full form of V_c and V_t has been mentioned as the mean number of writhing in the control and test group respectively. However, conventionally the terms V_c and V_t have been used to denote mean relative changes in the volume of paw oedema in control and test groups respectively.^[3,4] So, some other term like

W_t and W_c would have been more appropriate.

In the acetic acid-induced writhing method, acetyl salicylic acid has been used as the standard. But the dose and route of administration of acetyl salicylic acid has not been mentioned.

International Journal of Green Pharmacy is a reputed journal with wide circulation. The methods used by research workers and published in the journal are therefore expected to be free from mistake of any kind.

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