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## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Phytoestrogens are natural compounds rich in common diets. Phytoestrogens have weak oestrogenic functions, as well as modulation of cell signalling pathways and regulation of cell cycle effects, suggesting potential association with breast cancer. Understanding the biological role of phytoestrogens has important scientific significance in improving cancer prevention strategies. This review starts from the dietary intake, metabolism and bioavailability of phytoestrogens, and focuses on the broad tumorigenic action of phytoestrogens, including regulation of oestrogen receptors/cell signalling pathways, cell cycle/apoptosis, oestrogen synthesis and epigenetic modulation, which makes it strong in innovation. The manuscript is also written clearly and the contents are attractive and readable. No ethics issue involved in. The title accurately reflects the major contents of the review. In abstract, it gives a clear delineation of the background and objectives. The conclusions also provide the potential limitations of the current studies that need further improved. Overall, this review gave readers a clear recognition of the dual role of phytoestrogens that have multiple targets within cells. Higher and lower doses may indicate inhibition or promotion of breast tumour growth. Especially, the effects of phytoestrogens on modulation of epigenetic events make the new, non-toxic approaches possible to finally prevent breast cancer.



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The manuscript "Phytoestrogens and prevention of breast cancer - the contentious debate" by Bilal et al. should be accepted for publication. However, there are 2 figures in the manuscript but the authors did not mention in the text. Please clarify.