Reviewer's report

Title: Medicinal and ethnoveterinary remedies of hunters in Trinidad

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Advice on publication: Accept after revision, which I do not need to see

It is a very interesting and well written MS well worth publishing after some problems have been dealt with (for details, see also hand-written notes on MS).

The following points need to be addressed:

. The methods section needs some additional information.
. The authors should also be more precise about the cultural background of the informants and the extend of their fieldwork (how many days did the main author spend in the field?)
. The section 'Discussion' is the most problematic one of the whole MS
- (Sub-)section 'Cultural Factors' is meaningless in its current form and needs to provide additional detail or should be deleted
- Section 'Amerindian ....' seems to be of little importance unless the hunters are of American-Indian background
- Section 'Olfactory' etc. very interesting, but some new research on the topic (e.g. work by Brett, John and colleagues may well be worth including)
- Poisons: Which parts are relevant to your work? It seems to be very elaborate, but many parts are not taken up in other parts.
- Some additions are necessary to 'Review of ethnomed. lit..', which in fact is a 'Review of known biological effects of the plants and their constituents' (see text).

Competing interests:

None declared.