Reviewer's report

Title: Native New Zealand plants with anti-proliferative activity towards Mycobacterium tuberculosis

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This paper reports the evaluation of plant species from New Zealand for activity against mycobacteria. Apart from a few minor amendments the paper is, in my opinion suitable for publication.

Minor amendments:

page 1, under results, line 27, either 'active' or 'inhibitory' should be deleted

page 1, under conclusions, the statement 'our data offer a scientific' basis for the use of Pukatea' is a little misleading as it implies that that the plant has been shown to be effective clinically whereas only in vitro data have been obtained. An alternative phrase such as 'lends support' may be more appropriate.

Tb should be replaced with TB

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests