Reviewer's report

Title: Antibacterial activity of some selected medicinal plants of Pakistan

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1) Delete the introduction information on the characteristics of the plants used, because they are already included in table 1.

2) In the Introduction it is mentioned that “The bacterial organisms including Gram positive and Gram negative like Bacillus, Staphylococcus and Micrococcus, Salmonella and Pseudomonas species are the main source to cause severe infections in humans”

The genus Micrococcus not causes human infections. In the genus Bacillus there is a species that can cause food intoxication (cereus), other highly pathogenic to humans (anthracis, including used for biological warfare), the rest of the species does not cause disease. The genus Bacillus has low importance as an infectious agent (except in the case of biological attack).

3) In Table 2, there is an error in the name of Pseudomonas pickettii. In the same table, the title of the table could include that was measured "diameter ".

4) Salmonella setuball is not the correct name; you must remove a "i" at the end. That error is found throughout the manuscript. Actually the correct name should be "Salmonella enterica subsp. enterica serotype Setubal."

5) The last two figures are very confusing; I suggest should make tables and report only the% inhibition above 50.

6) In general, figures should be modified a way important to be clearer and reflect the results without confusion.

7) The methodology is well planned but perhaps too detailed. For example, I think no need to mention final pH of the culture medium, or how prepared or how much volume of culture medium powder was weighed, how prepared the turbidity standard, etc.

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Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests