Reviewer's report

Title: Antimicrobial activities of endophytic fungi isolation from Ophiopogon japonicus

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The author should provide more information on the antimicrobial activity as the work reported is at the preliminary stage.

Comments

1. An interesting study however is still at the preliminary stage. Author must take note on the following:
   - grammatical mistakes and typo errors were noted throughout text — even the title is not correct. It should be isolated instead of isolation.

Method

1. How long were the plates incubated? In method authors stated it was about 1 week but results indicates up to 2 weeks.
2. Method on fungal identification must be detailed further.
3. Why didn’t the authors identify the fungi using morphologically? It is best that both methods be used for the identification of fungi.

Results and Discussion

4. This is preliminary work and the authors should have worked further on MD-09, for example in obtaining the MIC values or on the inhibitory properties.
5. The discussion is not well argued!
6. What is “M” and “F” in Table 1?

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Grammar
2. Include further experiments on at least the active endophytic extracts
3. Discussion must be well argued

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

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

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I declare that I have no competing interests