Reviewer's report

Title: Antimicrobial activities of the methanol extract and compounds from the twigs of Dorstenia mannii (Moraceae)

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The manuscript entitled: 'Antimicrobial activities of the methanol extract and compounds from the twigs of Dorstenia mannii (Moraceae)' is appropriate for the journal, it meets all the criteria set out in the questionnaire.

The topic is interesting and highly relevant. The methods adopted are correct for studies of this type. Toxicity of some of these compounds could be a factor. This point does not, however, detract from the demonstrable anti-microbial activity. Interestingly the activity is against fungi, Gram positive and Gram-negative bacteria. This is a rather wide range for an antimicrobial agent, even derived from the twigs of Dorstenia mannii.

The paper is well set out and has only minor spelling and grammatical errors. Figure 1 is unnecessarily repeated twice. In my opinion this paper merits publication in the BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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