Reviewer's report

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Major compulsory Revisions:

The authors has not replied on this comment made previously:

There are some concerns about the NMR part as all the assumptions about structures are made on a very crowded and overlapping proton NMR (without water-suppression, running on a low temperature and without an internal standard (all though it is indicated that TMS is used in the method section) and most anomeric signals is located under the water peak. To this reviewers knowledge the information obtained from the NMR is too limited for such complex mixtures of polysaccharides.

Concerning the results of the Ethnopharmacological survey: Please add a table with the details of the information obtained

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