Reviewer's report

Title: In vitro anti-Herpes simplex virus activity of crude extract of the roots of Nauclea latifolia Smith (Rubiaceae)

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1) It would be risky to identify compounds based on UV absorption, retention time and molecular ion peaks. Authors must identify these natural products with the aid of NMR and mass fragmentation patterns.

2) The IC50 and CH2Cl etc should be corrected throughout the manuscript. IC50 50 should be subscript. CH2Cl2 2 should be subscript.

3) Authors should also identify the active lead compound(s). This would help them to determine if the bioactivity is due to the individual natural products or synergistic effect of all compounds.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

NA