Reviewer's report

Title: In vitro antimycobacterial activity of nine medicinal plants used by ethnic groups in Sonora, Mexico

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Answers to questions:
1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
   Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
   Yes
3. Are the data sound?
   Yes
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   Yes
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
   Yes
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
   Yes
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   Yes
9. Is the writing acceptable?
   Needs some language corrections before being published

Major Compulsory Revisions:
None

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. Authors’ institution name should be in English.
2. Background:
Merge para 1 and 2, and para 3, 4 5.
Full stop after para1.
para2, line 4 change from by among.
para2, line 5 change 'reason of which TB is' by 'causing'
para2, line 9 rewrite 'take' as 'which takes'
para2, line 13 change 'proves' by 'intensifies' and delete ' the elucidation of'
para4, line 1 change 'possess' by 'possesses'
para4, line 6 change 'uses ' by 'use'
para5, line 1 change 'reports ' by 'report' and 'exist' by 'exits'

3. Methods:
Change 'Plant recollection' by 'Plants collection'
para2, line 5 delete 'in'
para4, remove sub-heading Mycobacterium tuberculosis inoculum

Results and discussion:
Many paras need to be merged.
Para 5 and 7 neee to be rewritten.

Conclusions:
line 5 replace 'the showed' by 'shown'
Table 1
Only eight plants are listed whereas the study has been undertaken on nine plants. Please correct.

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'