Reviewer's report

Title: Antibacterial constituents of three Cameroonian medicinal plants: Garcinia nobilis, Oricia suaveolens and Balsamocitrus camerunensis

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Authors have not addressed properly the questions I have raised.

1) The proposed culturing conditions for M. tb are not standardized. For example, using 7H9 does not provide a carbon source, therefore you don't expect any growth of the pathogen. Regardless, the lack of a detergent in the medium will clump all the cells, then not sure how authors measured the growth of M tb as it is impossible to get an homogeneous culture. The addition of detergent in the alamar blue does not warrant a proper homogenization of the culture.

I never read any paper where M tb is cultured in presence of CO2 (????). Cultures of M tb are done without CO2, regular incubator at 37C.

2) As I mentioned, not sure why the authors selected chloramphenicol for their study. There are standardized reference antibiotics used for antibacterial assays. Also, chloramphenicol was not active against P. stuartii used as reference.

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

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