Reviewer's report

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

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**Reviewer:** Khalid Hussain

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Dear Editor,

I have again carefully gone through the manuscript entitled “Antibacterial constituents of three Cameroonian medicinal plants: Garcinia nobilis, Oricia suaveolens and Balsamocitrus camerunensis” authored by Hugues Fouotsa, Armelle T. Mbaveng, Céline Mbazoa, Augustin. E. Nkengfack, Shaheen Farzana, Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary, Jacobus J. Marion Meyer, Namrita Lall and Victor Kuete. The authors have addressed most of deficiencies/ambiguities within the manuscript, except the expression of results of antibacterial activity in percentage of the total bacteria. In my opinion, these need to explained bacteria wise. For example, if I say drug B is active against 10.50% of the tested bacteria, it is wrong. It should be like this: the drug B is active on 10 strains of the tested bacteria. Percentage is used to generalize the results and in the present study no need. Therefore, it will be better, if authors consider this point.

Other concerns

1- Manuscript needs to be checked for grammar.

2- There is a need for the reference of traditional use of the plants alone or in combination.