Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Fourier transform infra-red spectroscopy and flow cytometric assessment of the antibacterial mechanism of action of aqueous extract of garlic (*Allium sativum*) against selected probiotic *Bifidobacterium* strains

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**Reviewer:** Jasmine Selvakumar

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Overall quality of the paper is satisfactory, the results are clearly presented. The work is good and the objectives are clearly spelt and justified. The application and significance of the work are mentioned with clarity. The paper can be published as such.

Few minor corrections need to be carried out,

Line 67- include comma after health benefits

Line 79- confined to the cell membrane

Line 100, 114-et al should be in italics

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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