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Title: In vitro antibacterial activity of some plant essential oils

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Reviewer 1: Mark Miller

Major Revisions
1. We have incorporated the definition of essential oils in introduction part.
2. Disc diffusion method was chosen since it is a widely used method as a preliminary check and to select between efficient essential oils (Burt et al., 2004)
3. With regarding to table 3 the range used in the text refers only refers to concentration of essential oils.

4. Minor revisions
1. The result of the vehicle control is included.
2. the quality of oils was 98% pure.
3. Discussion section is modified including route of administration, dose etc.,
4. The study was basically carried out to screen the essential oils as source for novel compounds. In addition, such studies could also improve the quality of health care by traditional medicine through proper documentation.

Reviewer 2: Jenny Wilkinson

Major Revisions
1. The number of oils in the abstract is corrected.
2. In our preliminary tests, the vapour did not show any effect in sealed dishes at 37°C in relation to growth of the bacteria.
3. There was no difference between the zone of inhibition at 18h and 24h. So 18h reading was taken as the standard time in this study.
4. The most potent oils were identified based on the preliminary screening using disc diffusion method.
5. Table 2 is provided with mean and standard deviation. Statistical analysis is also performed.
6. GC-MS analysis report for the most potent oil (cinnamon oil) is included. Discussion part is also modified.
7. Recent references have been added.

Minor Revisions
1. The botanical name of lavender is corrected.