Reviewer's report

Title: Antibacterial properties of Malaysian Tualang honey against wound and enteric microorganisms: Comparison with Manuka honey

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. On page 13 the authors describe the method used to test non-peroxide activity of the honeys however this is not described in either the Methods or Results sections of the manuscript. It is strongly recommended that this material be included and fully described rather than just mentioned in the Discussion.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Suggest that the full botanical name of the source of the Tualang honey be given in the abstract otherwise it is unclear to readers whether Tualang refers to a plant, geographical region or local name for the honey

2. Reference needs to be included for the statement that Tualang honey has common use as a medicinal product in Malaysia (page 5)

Discretionary Revisions

1. Suggest the word great be deleted from the 3rd line of the Discussion (e.g. "...researched and its great antibacterial ....") as although most work has been done on manuka honey it is by no means the honey with the greatest antibacterial activity.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests