Reviewer's report

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**Reviewer:** Jean de Dieu TAMOKOU

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Title: Antimicrobial potential of the Ethiopian Thymus schimperi essential oil against Dermatophyte spp. and other Microorganisms.

The manuscript aims to evaluate the in vitro activities of some Ethiopian medicinal plants against bacterial and fungal species.

Specific suggestions are as follows:

1) The keywords should be revised.

2) Use Thymus schimperi for the first time, thereafter use T. schimperi. Please follow this instruction for the other species.

3) Please provide the origin of griseofulvin and chloramphenicol.

4) Please include the positive control for Candida, Aspergillus and Rhodotorula.

5) The statistical analysis in Tables 1-2 should be revised.

6) Please ensure that your tables are correctly formatted in accordance with the formatting guidelines of the Journal. (http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmccomplementalternmed/authors/instructions/researcharticle#preparing-tables). Specifically, tables should be included at the end of your manuscript file. Additionally, tables should also have a title (above the table) that summarizes the whole table; it should be no longer than 15 words.

7) Results have not been scientifically reported. The tables need to be explained in the text, for the different organisms and how these compare with other plant species as presented in available literature should be highlighted. The authors need to scientifically present and discuss this section.

8) Please, reframe the conclusion to make it more professional.

9) There are some typographical errors throughout the manuscript.

Best wishes,

Jean-De-Dieu TAMOKOU, Ph.D

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests