Reviewer's report

Title: In Vitro Antibacterial and Antibiotic-potentiation Activities of the Methanol Extracts from Beilschmiedia acuta, Clausena anisata, Newbouldia laevis and Polyscias fulva against Multidrug-Resistant Gram-Negative Bacteria

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The manuscript by Tankeo et al has shown significant improvement. However, there are several major revisions that need to be addressed.

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Report any MIC values above 256 as > 256 ug/ml. The reality is that you will not get a lead compound with an MIC low enough to spark interest that is above 256 ug/ml.
2. There remain issues with the writing.
3. On p. 9, the authors now talk about low cytotoxicity and cite their recent 2014 paper. However, the six plants discussed in that 2014 paper are not the same plants studied in this paper. A simple way to gauge crude cytotoxicity is to do two-fold serial dilutions of the extracts and spot on sheep blood agar plates. Lysis indicates cytotoxicity.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. On p. 7, line 151, you have listed the CM64 strain. You should state Enterobacter aerogenes strains ATCC 13048 and CM64 to clarify.
2. Line 81 should be changed as well. Urogenital and pulmonary infections are infectious diseases.

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

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have conflict of interest.