Reviewer’s report

Title: Bioactivity of essential oils extracted from Cupressus macrocarpa branchlets and Corymbia citriodora leaves grown in Egypt

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The paper investigates bioactivity of essential oils extracted from Cupressus macrocarpa branchlets and Corymbia citriodora leaves grown in Egypt. It is an interesting study that deserves publication. However, there are some points of major importance that should be addressed prior final consideration.

Major points

Why the major components of the essential oils were not tested for antimicrobial activity in order to correlate the biological activity with specific compounds?

Statistical differences are not shown or discussed.

Results and Discussion Section. Since the results of the GC/MS analysis and of antimicrobial activity are presented in Tables, there is no need to repeat them in the text. This section should be rewritten in a way that the story comes out easily and convincingly. Only the major findings should be highlighted, avoiding unnecessary repetitions.

The text should be checked for grammatical and linguistic errors

Minor points

p. 9, l. 51. "with those of [21],…". Please provide the name of the first author.

p. 10, l. 34. The phrase "and insect repellent agents" is speculation, as it is not supported by the data presented and should be deleted.

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