Reviewer’s report

Title: Compounds from Olea europaea and Pistacia lentiscus inhibit oral microbial growth

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The manuscript is well written and free of grammatical errors, in my opinion. It will attract a wide readership. However, I propose the following comments must be addressed to improve the manuscript.

1. The title should be rephrased possibly using the example such as " Constituents/Compounds of/from Olea europoea and Pistacia lentiscus inhibit oral microbial growth". The term "potent" as used must be done with measurements of potency in comparison to a reference antimicrobial agents such as IC50 or EC50 values. Without such determinations, the use of "potent" is not justified pharmacologically.

2. Authors have conducted that extracts from the plants have antimicrobial effects. The shift to compounds in these plant extracts is so sudden. The authors must provide information about the isolation of these compounds following their earlier work and make a case for the present study which is looking at the compounds from the plant extracts

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