Reviewer’s report

Title: Anti-inflammatory activities of astringent persimmons (Diospyros kaki Thunb.) stalks of various cultivar types based on the stages of maturity in the Gyeongnam province.

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Reviewer: A.H.M. Khurshid Alam

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The author has described that the astringent persimmons has the highest tannic acid content as well as showed the highest anti inflammatory activity in immature stage. However, the author needs to address the following queries before submit the revised manuscript.

1. In introduction section, the author repeatedly incorporated that the persimmons is used in the treatment of hiccups (page 3, line 74-83). Author should rewrite those sentences.

2. In method section, ethanol was used as a solvent for extract the material, then dissolve the concentrated the ethanol extract with methanol, why. Author could extract the material with methanol directly. Moreover, the materials were dried at 65 degree, which is very high temperature that can destroy the chemical constituents and could reduce their biological activities. Author should clarify these matter very carefully.

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