

## Referee's evaluation form

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Title: ***Antifungal efficacy of botanicals against major postharvest pathogens of Kinnow mandarin and their use to maintain postharvest quality***

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– Is the paper original and does it present something new?

This paper is original and presents something new

– Is the *title* informative and relevant to the contents of the article?

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– Is the *abstract* clear and concise and does it fully summarize the contents of the article?

The abstract clear enough

– Does the *introduction* clearly outline the problem?

A redundancy statement in introduction (8-10 similar with 25 – 29)

– Are the *materials and methods* appropriate to this specific topic and are the most advanced techniques used?

1. How many mg/L for plant extract concentration? Because if used percent, how they knew that among plant extract have same concentration in the test.
2. Did they test *in vivo* antifungal assay botanicals at 25°C as same as *in vitro*? To know the effectiveness of botanicals in the optimum temperature growth for pathogen.

– Are the *results* of the study scientifically novel? The results of the study are scientifically new

Are there sufficient results to justify the conclusions? yes

– If statistical analyses are used, are they valid? Yes, they are.

– Are there enough, too many or too few *tables, figures or photos*?

*Tables, figures or photos are enough*

Are they of high quality and are the captions explicit?

– Is the *discussion* relevant to the experimental results obtained in the study, and are the results discussed in the light of previous published results in this specific field?

1. What the mode of action of *aloe vera* on reducing natural decay development?
2. How they approved it?

– Are the *references* correct?

Please re check the references section, some references were not writing correctly

**Exp.**

Line 5, 411 -41

Line 9-10, is it a book? A Conference proceedings?or chapter from a book?

– What do you think about the presentation of the paper, its readability and length?

**Shorter is better**

## Comments - further recommendations

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The article can be accepted after revise as reviewer comments

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Conclusions:

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| <b>(a) Accepted without modifications</b>              | —   |
| <b>(b) Accepted with minor changes</b>                 | —√— |
| <b>(c) Acceptable if considerable changes are made</b> | —   |
| <b>(d) Acceptable as a technical note</b>              | —   |
| <b>(e) Rejected</b>                                    | —   |
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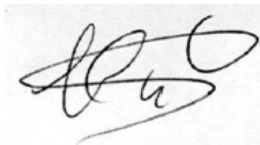
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was involved in the scientific referees' panel of the *Fruits* journal in 2013.  
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manuscript titled:

***Antifungal efficacy of botanicals against major  
postharvest pathogens of Kinnow mandarin and their  
use to maintain postharvest quality,***

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We are particularly grateful for his help.



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