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Editorial Department of International Journal of Tropical Biology and Conservation/Revista de Biología Tropical

Dear Editor,

I am submitting a manuscript for consideration of publication in Revista de Biología Tropical. The manuscript is entitled “**Antimicrobial activity of four *Valeriana* L. (Caprifoliaceae) crude extracts, an endemic species of the Venezuelan Andes.**”.

It has not been published elsewhere and that it has not been submitted simultaneously for publication elsewhere.

All the authors confirm that the manuscript has been read and approved by all named authors and that all of us have approved the order of authors listed in the manuscript.

We also confirm that we have given consideration to the protection of intellectual property associated with this work and that there are no impediments to publication, including the timing of publication, with respect to intellectual property.

We considered that this research contributes to the scientific knowledge on some *Valeriana* L native species from South American Andes used traditionally by the population but scientific information on the phytochemical or biological activity is insufficient or nonexistent.

The major novel contributions reported are:

1.- First report of the phytochemical analysis of four *Valeriana* L. species from Venezuela Andes used in folkloric medicinal.

2.- First report on the antibacterial activity of *Valeriana parviflora* (Trevis) Höck; *V. rosaliana* F.G.Mey.; *V. triplinervis* (Turcz.) Briq., and *V. phylicoides* (Turcz.) Briq

against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Candida albicans* and *Candida kruse*.

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Thank you very much for your consideration.

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