

Review of: "Acacia pycnantha gum exudates recognised as a traditional food in two countries may have economic potential"

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I find the topic interesting and could be suitable for the journal Qeios.

I have only one comment to make. The method of sampling is not clearly described. It was mentioned that 'Soft *Acacia pycnantha* exudates were pulled or cut from the tree trunk and branches during April (autumn) with pieces weighing 5-30g which could be eaten directly or cleaned of bark and cut into smaller 5-10 g pieces ready to eat or store.' How did the authors select the tree from a given plot? Did the authors conduct a design of experiment by randomisation? This is important because if it is NOT randomise, e.g. by first splitting the plot into N parts, followed by a randomise approach to identify the tree in each part for sampling, the results could be misleading/not useful. Hope the authors could enlighten on this bit.