

Review of: "Acacia Pycnantha Gum Exudates Recognised As a Traditional Food in Two Countries May Have Economic Potential"

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The topic of the article is interesting as it promotes the commercial value of a natural resource. The manuscript uses appropriate language, and the references are pertinent.

The aim of the article should be stated very clearly in the introduction. The keywords do not match the content of the abstract.

The main contribution of the research is the generation of data related to the extraction yield of the AP exudate. Therefore, it is advisable to provide more details on the methods and results, for example, the specific location, the procedure to select the sample trees, the number of samples, the methods and tools used to remove the AP exudate, the environmental conditions, etc.

The manuscript is short, about 972 words, and does not develop potential contributions, like the economic analysis of the extraction of the AP exudate. The text states that "The cost of labour is still high, likely preventing any commercial development of the resource, unless the yield/tree could be improved or the demand for the gum established".

Considering that the demand for AP gum is established, how large has to be the required yield/tree improvement? Is it feasible to achieve such improvement?

The author should propose specific applications of the AP gum in order to promote demand. Therefore, it is needed to provide details on the properties of the AP gum that support his proposals.