

Review of: "[Review] The antibacterial activity of *Allium sativum*, *Thymus vulgaris*, *Origanum vulgare*, *Curcuma longa*, *Rosmarinus officinalis*, and *Cinnamomum* species against various antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria: A Literature Review"

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Dear Authors and Editors,

The present study evaluates the antimicrobial activity of garlic (*Allium sativum*), thyme (*Thymus vulgaris*), oregano (*Origanum vulgare*), turmeric (*Curcuma longa*), rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*) and cinnamon (*Cinnamomum* species) for the treatment of antibiotic-resistant strains such as *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Escherichia coli*, *Campylobacter jejuni*, and *Salmonella typhimurium*. The study appears interesting and is extensive on the subject. However, the novelty of the study is not clear enough, I did not find a presentation of similar studies performed in literature and neither an emphasis of novelty and originality. So, what needs to be done is a comparison with these studies and, afterwards, an emphasis of the novelty that this study brings specifically. I do not clearly understand what were the exclusion criteria for the studied articles. I think that only the fact that they were available does not represent a powerful criteria. Neither does the fact that they were written in other languages. How can you reduce a number of 2923 articles found to only 71 only by using these criteria? Otherwise, the manuscript is extensive and interesting, but I find it too long for reading and following. Novelty, originality and purposes are not clear and need to be better explained. Conclusions need to be improved, to present perspectives and different ways to overcome limitations. Perspectives on studies that need to be performed on each species in order to increase knowledge can also be interesting. The manuscript can be improved before being considered for publication.