

Review of: "Ethnobotanical Documentation of Yerba Mate in Syria"

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Dear Authors,

This article provides fascinating and useful documentation of Yerba Mate use in Syria. The introduction is well-written, and the explanations are thorough and clear. However, to enhance the article's clarity and scientific rigor, the following recommendations are offered:

- Map and study locations: Consider including a map of the study area and the specific locations where data was collected.
- Plant species identification: The Methodology section should explicitly mention the sources used for identifying plant species.
- Local name accuracy: Identifying plants solely based on local names is problematic, as multiple species can share the same common name in different regions. To ensure accuracy, ethnobotanical studies should rely on in-person visits, interviews, and plant collection for reliable identification.

Best regards,