

Review of: "An insight into the botanical origins of propolis from permanent preservation and reforestation areas of southern Brazil"

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This is an interesting paper on composition of Brazilian red propolis and its correlation with the composition of resins of three trees present in the vicinity of hives. The number of samples of both propolis and tree resins studied is very low and does not enable generalization of results. Moreover the major components of propolis are similar to those found in other studies - paper does not discuss differences and similarities in composition between described brands versus geographic and botanical origin, namely do not indicate what is specific to Brazilian red propolis. The generalization of the composition as given in Table 2 is meaningless.

Minor comments:

- 1./ English should be corrected ;
- 2./ Map of the Brazil with collection site should be indicated.