

Peer Review

# Review of: "Antibacterial Activity of Malaysian *Trigona itama* and *Trigona thoracica* Honey Against Gram-Negative and Gram-Positive Bacteria"

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**Reviewer Comments for Research Article “Antibacterial Activity of Malaysian *Trigona itama* and *Trigona thoracica* Honey Against Gram-Negative and Gram-Positive Bacteria”**

## Abstract

The abstract is clear.

## Material and methods:

- Honey Preparation for MIC Analysis: Why **THREE** different stock solutions needed to be prepared? The preparation of other stock solutions (40% and 30% w/v) should be explained.

## Result & Discussion

- At 25% concentration, both honey samples (C & D) showed no inhibition on *E. coli*; while only sample B was able to inhibit *K. pneumoniae*, the author should rewrite the sentence and make sure there are no repeated results in the text.

## Table

- The table can be rearranged in a clearer manner, or a small note can be included for better understanding of the symbol/abbreviation (Tables 2 & 3).
- Table 2: The last column of 0% can be deleted, with no results.

## References

Recommend updating the references by including more recent publications from the past 5–7 years that reflect current advancements and trends in the field. This will ensure the manuscript aligns with the latest research and developments.

## Declarations

**Potential competing interests:** No potential competing interests to declare.