

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

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The revised manuscript "Ethnobotanical Documentation of Yerba Mate in Syria" by Chadi Khatib and Omar Aljbaee shows an analysis of electronic surveys (n=430) destined to describe the traditional consumption of Yerba Mate in Syria, exploring the cultural and social practices related to its consumption.

The realized survey includes some interesting points to be addressed, such as demographic factors, education level, and geographic location of consumers. Other addressed questions are related to yerba mate consumption habits, motivation for consumption, and auto-perceived health beneficial effects.

If well, the manuscript results are clear and well presented, it contains mainly descriptive information. In addition, based on the number of questionnaires cited (n=430), only 1 of 580,000 Syrian people was asked. Because of this, the conclusion of the manuscript is not supported by the results.

In accordance with the mentioned reasons, this reviewer does not recommend the manuscript for publication in QEIOS.