

Review of: "The pros and cons of utilizing crude herbal preparations as opposed to purified active ingredients, with emphasis on the COVID pandemic"

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- 1. The title does not justify the explained context.
- 2. It would have been better if the *Artemisia* species were mentioned that exerted the effect against the SARS-CoV-2 virus.
- 3. Artemisia should be checked for spelling and italicized everywhere.
- 4. The manuscript mainly explains the author's idea of the effect of Artemisia against SARS-CoV-2 and does not mention the evidence available in the literature.
- 5. The manuscript does not discuss any purified active ingredient.
- 6. The explained case reports are not supported by any evidence (citations).
- 7. The in-vitro studies and small-scale clinical trials for Artemisia extracts can be overviewed.
- 8. "Understanding the limitations of precision-driven medicine and carefully adding herbal treatments and food supplements, when there is no better management approach available, is not only desirable but can benefit both physicians and patients." the statement gives an unclear thought- whether the authors argue for the use of herbal medicine only when there is no better management approach available or argues to justify that herbal medicines could be used as medicines through randomized control trials are unavailable?
- 9. In general, the argument raised by the authors is not well justified.

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