

## Review of: "An Investigation of The Phytochemical Richness of Fresh Musa Paradisiaca L. (Plantain) Stem Juice and Its Anticonvulsant Potential on Pentylenetetrazole (Ptz)-Challenged Rats"

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The paper is overall written well; however, I have some comments to be addressed before acceptance.

- The abstract provides a clear structure and introduction to the research, making it easy to follow.
- The use of headings for each section is effective in guiding the reader through the research methods and findings.

The introduction provides a solid background on the importance of medicinal plants as a source of bioactive compounds, setting the stage for the research question. Add some information on the importance of medicinal plants in the introduction section; Cite these references: Saleem, H., I. Ahmad, G. Zengin, F. M. Mahomoodally, K.-U.-. Rehman Khan, H. M. Ahsan, S. A. Z. Abidin and N. Ahemad (2020). "Comparative secondary metabolites profiling and biological activities of aerial, stem and root parts of Salvadora oleoides decne (Salvadoraceae)." Natural product research 34(23): 3373-3377.

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- However, it could be more explicit in highlighting the specific gap in the literature that this research aims to address.
- The methodology section is detailed and well-organized, providing insight into the extraction process and



phytochemical analysis. This is crucial for replication and understanding the reliability of the results.

- It would be helpful to include information about sample size and the specific techniques used for extraction and analysis.
- The presentation of results is clear, with both text and visual representations (figures and tables) to support the findings.
- It's important to mention the significance level of the results and any statistical analyses conducted, particularly for antimicrobial activity.
- The abstract could benefit from a discussion section that interprets the results and their practical implications more explicitly. What do these findings mean for the field of seaweed-based products or biomedicine?
- Suggest including a brief statement of the limitations of the study, which is standard in research abstracts.
- Encourage discussing future research directions, especially if this study leads to potential applications or further questions.