

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

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Dear Authors,

It sounds like the paper did a good job of presenting categorical data about Yerba mate and its health implications, but missed out on clarifying the ambiguity around its association with cancer. Addressing such ambiguities is crucial for providing a balanced perspective, especially when discussing health-related topics.

It might be helpful for the authors to add a section that reviews existing studies, summarizing findings on both sides—those that suggest a potential link between Yerba mate consumption and cancer risk, as well as those that indicate protective benefits. This way, readers can have a more nuanced understanding of the issue and the complexities involved in the research.

Please refer to

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12038-021-00234-7>

<https://iris.univpm.it/handle/11566/274596?mode=complete>