

Review of: "Traditional soap plants used in hand hygiene, can play an important role in curbing infectious diseases including COVID-19. So why is there so little research?"

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Relevant and important topic of research. Seems to be an opinion piece based on personal and relatives experiences rather than a scientific article. There are no discussions of other's scientific findings.

I suggest discussing Saponins under these headings: anti-inflammatory, anti-viral, anti-bacterial and anti-fungal properties. Also indicate how it relates to WHO standards/ guidelines.

In the abstract it is mentioned there is a plethora of research but nonbe referred to in rest of article rather followed by not much literature exists?

Overall language and grammar can improve. In particular avoid writing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd person. Be consistent in citations - sometimes page numbers are specified. All species names should be written in italics.