

Review of: "On 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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In the manuscript entitled "On the pros and cons of utilizing crude herbal preparations as opposed to purified active ingredients, with emphasis on the COVID pandemic" Haran et al. made an attempt to discuss the challenges in the Western approach to herbal treatments, arguing that they should be considered cautiously in situations where there are no well-studied, safe, and effective evidence-based approaches. The paper focuses on the treatment of COVID patients with Artemisia, based on in vitro studies and small clinical trials. The approach is based on the well-established pharmacological properties of the plant and its safety profile. The manuscript is systematically organized and well-written. Overall the content of the manuscript is acceptable with some modifications such as:

1. The manuscript is having some spacing problems in the text, which need to be taken care of.
2. There are some typos' and mistakes in the text, such as extra spacing and extra full-stop symbols after the sentences.
3. Reference section is not as per guidelines. References 7, 12, 17 and 20 do not have last page number.
4. Some references have a,b before reference, such as: Ref. 4, 15 & 18, which need to be correct.