

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

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The work of Mr. Chadi Khatib and Omar Aljbaee, "Ethnobotanical documentation of Yerba Mate in Syria," presents an analysis of surveys of 430 people to describe the traditional consumption of Yerba Mate in Syria. This modest work is very captivating and reflects the attention paid to medicinal plants from Syria.

Comments and recommendations on the quality of this work are as follows:

1. It would be better to make a presentation of the study area using a map; this is to show which stations are studied and what this survey goes through the whole region/area.
2. Would it be possible to have a photo of the plant? Because most do not know the plant, and it is important for confirmation of its identification.
3. To give importance to local medicinal plants, it is essential to separate the spontaneous medicinal plants from the area from those of the introduced plants.
4. It would be better to have the vernacular names of these plants.

I am truly grateful to the authors for their courage and wish them well.