

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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The authors tried to make a case for the use herbal medicine (HM) to treat various diseases including the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a welcome discussion especially in the current situation where emerging pathogens are evading previously developed conventional therapies. I agree that some Physicians are not recommending the use of HM for their clients mostly because of lack of evidence, but the need to standardize herbal supplements has been a global discuss which can't be glossed over. This is possible and is not a rocket science!!!.

Nonetheless, below are my few comments

1. Authors say 'evidence-based medicine has become synonymous with large-scale randomized controlled trials (RCT)' - This should be corrected thus:
 1. Evidence medicine is based on the analyses of various evidences generated from randomized clinical trials using systematic reviews and meta-analysis.
2. **Authors presented more of a case series in this report. There is need to rearrange the flow and presenting to reflect the discussion- brief background on the use of herbal products, case presentation , discussion , conclusion, recommendation , references**
3. The title did not reflect the content. I suggest a change in title. consider **-COVID-19 Pandemic : A Case Series on the Use of Herbal Supplements**
4. **Ref to useful links with papers with same interest**

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In summarily. A good opinion that needs to be advanced when revised.