

## Review of: "Infrared Spectroscopy (FT-NIR) and t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (t-SNE) as an Analytical Methodology for Rapid Identification of Tea Adulteration"

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The paper presents the FT-NIR analysis of different types of tea. The experiment is well written and structured, and the results are supported by data. The experimental procedures are well detailed, as well as the data analysis. Some more details about the preparation of the samples could be added (were the samples crushed to powder and pressed into pellets?). Results are supported by data such as replicates for each sample, deconvolution, and identification of the vibrational bands. Overall, a good paper that can be published as it is.

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