

Review of: "Yerba Mate as a Co-Precursor in the Synthesis of Silica Through the Sol-Gel Technique"

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The manuscript entitled "Yerba Mate as a Co-Precursor in the Synthesis of Silica Through the Sol-Gel Technique" investigated the usage of a common product in daily use in a different area. The introduction is good, but the need for such a study is not clear and should be supported by previous similar reports in the literature. In addition, the definition of the material should be improved by adding its properties, producer company, etc. But as far as I understood, only the characterization of the product was shown without any tests in any kind of system. And the discussion is very limited. Therefore, my decision will be, unfortunately, rejection, but I suggest resubmitting it after making some improvements in all sections of the paper.