

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

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Dear Author,

I reviewed your article and enjoyed the work you did. However, I am putting some questions here, if you would be able to answer them.

- 1. Explain specific social or historical factors that may have contributed to this strong cultural adoption in these particular areas?
- 2. Narrow down your abstract; I think it's too long.
- 3. How do you think this sampling method might have influenced the diversity of responses, and are there plans for future research with a randomized or broader sample to enhance generalizability?
- 4. How do you think the 38.3% of participants who voiced worries about the caffeine level of yerba mate could impact future consumption trends in Syria, particularly in light of growing health and caffeine awareness?
- 5. Does Syria have any educational programs to teach consumers about safe consumption habits, particularly with regard to quantity and temperature?
- 6. Yerba Mate seems to be compatible with traditional herbal teas from Syria, such as "zhourat." Are there any perceived variations in the health advantages of Yerba Mate compared to these other beverages, and have you noticed any specific elements that influence consumer choice?
- 7. The author should revise the full article for grammatical errors.
- 8. Would you mind exporting all the images using GraphPad Prism or Origin? I do not recommend exporting images using Excel for a peer-reviewed article.

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