

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

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The topic of Yerba Mate integration in Syria is both intriguing and distinctive. You mention the use of an electronic survey, but some additional details would enhance the study's clarity and rigor. Specifically, it would be beneficial to clearly outline the participant selection criteria, including any demographic or regional factors that influenced inclusion. This information would provide context on the representativeness of the sample.

Regarding data analysis, there is some inconsistency in terminology, with terms like "data" and "method" appearing interchangeably. To improve clarity, it may help to distinguish between the qualitative data collection process and the specific methods used for analysis, such as thematic content analysis for qualitative responses. This would allow readers to better understand how qualitative insights were derived from the data.

Additionally, instead of relying solely on indices to summarize the findings, it would be valuable to incorporate a regional comparison of responses. This approach could reveal differences in Yerba Mate consumption habits, preparation methods, and cultural significance across various regions in Syria, adding depth to the study. Such an analysis could also highlight any unique local adaptations, providing a richer understanding of the ways Yerba Mate has been integrated into Syrian traditions and practices.