

# Review of: "Effects of Cinnamon on Cancer Prevention and Progression"

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Having read this manuscript, I have the following comments.

1. I note that many of the Greek symbols (e.g., kappa, alpha, etc.) were either absent or not visible in this manuscript. These need to be added.
2. Section 3.1, para. 2: The non-canonical pathway is involved in the immune system, but you have not mentioned how it is directly involved in cancer development. You also do not mention if cancer development involves all 5 subunits or some more than others. No comments on these subunits are made and should be, as NFkB consists of a dimer of 2 subunits.
3. Section 3.1, para. 3: There are some spelling mistakes; "field" not "filed," and "complementary" not "complenentary"; please correct. There are other examples in the manuscript that need to be corrected.
4. When referring to a study or a paper, please insert the relevant citation at the end of that sentence and not at the end of the subsequent sentence.
5. Section 3.1, para. 5: What do you mean by the sentence "119 patients..." It is not clear; please clarify.
6. Section 3.2, para. 1: Please reference and rewrite the sentence "Research has found..." Research does not find; scientists or researchers find.
7. Section 3.2, para. 3: This paragraph is unclear. Please revise. The entire section on AP-1 activity is poorly written, and it is not clear what the link is between this protein and cancer development.
8. Section 3.3: It is not clear what the link is between Nrf2 and cancer?
9. Section 3.4: How does cinnamaldehyde decrease HIF1a? Who published this information? No reference is given.
10. The reference list is poorly presented; journal names, volumes, and pages should be given for all papers.
11. Please explain what a, b, c, d that is given for Ref. 31 means? The same comment applies to any reference that has a, b, c, or d listed after the number. It is not clear what this means.
12. References 52 & 53 should be combined and not listed as two separate citations.