

Review of: "Evaluation of Antioxidant Activity and α -Amylase Inhibitory Potential of *Melilotus indicus* Ethanolic Extract: An In Vitro and In Silico Study"

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the above manuscript. My comments are as follows:

1. The novelty of the present study is questionable!!! What is the rationale for the present study looking at the underlisted studies:
 - Ahmed, D., Baig, H., & Zara, S. (2012). Seasonal variation of phenolics, flavonoids, antioxidant and lipid peroxidation inhibitory activity of methanolic extract of *Melilotus indicus* and its sub-fractions in different solvents. *International Journal of Phytomedicine*, 4(3), 326-332.
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 - Iftikhar, H., Ahmed, D., & Qamar, M. T. (2019). Study of phytochemicals of *Melilotus indicus* and alpha-amylase and lipase inhibitory activities of its methanolic extract and fractions in different solvents. *ChemistrySelect*, 4(26), 7679-7685.
 - Paun, G., Neagu, E., Albu, C., Savin, S., & Radu, G. L. (2020). In vitro evaluation of antidiabetic and anti-inflammatory activities of polyphenolic-rich extracts from *Anchusa officinalis* and *Melilotus officinalis*. *ACS omega*, 5(22), 13014-13022.
1. Authors need to enrich the introduction part as it is very shallow with no review of literature on the antidiabetic and antioxidant activities of the plants.
2. The map is not necessary for this study....
3. One antioxidant assay cannot be used to conclude on the overall antioxidant capacity of the plant.
4. How sure are you that these compounds docked are in the extract used?



I SUGGEST A REJECTION FOR THE MANUSCRIPT

Thank you.