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| Journal Name: | [**Asian Plant Research Journal**](https://journalaprj.com/index.php/APRJ) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_APRJ\_142589** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **PLANTS OF MEDICINAL SIGNIFICANCE TO RURAL FOLKS OF MAPANAS, NORTHERN SAMAR, PHILIPPINES** |
| Type of the Article | **Original Research Article** |

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| **PART 1: Comments** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment**  **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | This manuscript documents indigenous knowledge about plant species that possess medicinal attributes, in the municipality of Mapanas, Northern Samar, Philippines. It helps in the conservation of ethno-medicinal plants as well as laying foundation to alternative drug discovery from natural sources for human and animal therapy. | **The importance of this manuscript for the scientific community are; this study holds information of the medicinal plants present in Mapanas Northern Samar. Moreover, this study contributes to documentation and preservation of medicinal plants usage mainly the parts of the plants used and the type of preparation used for treating ailments by the residents. And this study proves the diversity of medicinal plants present in Mapanas Northern Samar which could be the basis for pharmacological studies and drug development. Also, this study could be a reference for future researchers who wish to conduct similar studies.** |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | **No, another title has been suggested. See the revised manuscript.** | **Recommendations were acknowledged. Rural community from the manuscript was changed into local community. The title Plants of Medicinal Significance to Rural Folks of Mapanas, Northern Samar were changed into “Identification of Ethno-Medicinal Plants Use by Rural Folks of the Mapanas, Northern Samar as recommended.”** |
| **Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.** | **I suggest that some of the plant mentioned and what they are used for should be stated in the abstract. Also, the keywords may be arranged alphabetically and first letter of each word capitalized.** | The abstract of the article is comprehensive. Recommendations were also taken into consideration. Such as briefly introducing the importance of ethnomedicinal studies which is based on the title. And some ailments were already discussed in the abstract. Moreover, keyword has been arranged alphabetically. |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | Yes | The manuscript is scientifically correct as it follows methods and the findings answered the objectives of the study. |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | No, authors should add recent references in ethno-botanical surveys between the last 5- 7 yrs. | Recent Literature added;  * Mekonnen AB, Mohammed AS, Tefera AK. Ethnobotanical Study of Traditional Medicinal Plants Used to Treat Human and Animal Diseases in Sedie Muja District, South Gondar, Ethiopia. Evid Based Complement Alternat Med. 2022;2022:7328613. Published 2022 Sep 19. doi:10.1155/2022/7328613 * Awoke, A., & Cosendey, B. (2025). Investigate the Ethnomedical Practices of Different Indigenous Communities: A literature Review. 2. 64-89. 10.33394/ijete.v2i1.13903. * Cordero, C.S., Grecebio, U.M., Alejandro, J.D. 2023. Ethnobotany and diversity of medicinal plants used among rural communities in Mina, Iloilo, Philippines: A quantitative study. Journal of Asia-Pacific Biodiversity. Volume 16, Issue 1, Pages 96-117, ISSN 2287-884X. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.japb.2022.12.003. |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | Yes with little modification | The language used is suitable for scholarly communications and revision has been done for corrections in grammar, punctuation, and phrasing to improve readability and refine the presentation, thereby meeting the standards. |
| **Optional/General** comments |  |  |

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| **PART 2:** | | |
|  | **Reviewer’s comment** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* | No. |