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Title: Antimicrobial activity of two South African honeys produced from indigenous Leucospermum cordifolium and Erica species on selected micro-organisms

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Dear Editor,

Apitherapy, the medical use of honey bee products, has been demonstrated repeatedly in the medical literature. Honey has the potential to assist with wound healing which can be ascribed, amongst other properties, to the antibacterial activity against pathogenic bacteria. However, little research has been done on the antibacterial activity of honey on bacteria that play a role in oral health. Furthermore at present only honeys from *Leptospermum* species are sold with standardized levels of antibacterial activity. The search for other honeys from different sources with enhanced antibacterial activity continues. With this article we report on the antibacterial activity of two unique honeys against bacteria that may be of importance in oral health.

Please consider the article “Antimicrobial activity of three South African honeys and New Zealand Manuka honey on selected oral micro-organisms” for publication in *BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine.*