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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a fairly interesting review of therapies for urinary stone disease. In general, the manuscript would benefit from editing by a native English speaker to correct numerous grammatical errors. There is a major problem with references being out of order or cited incorrectly, especially in the first half of the reference list (e.g. #11-21 and 34-36 are clearly wrong). Several abbreviations in the text are not defined (RCT, KCit, r/f URS). The section on O. formigenes is confusingly written, and the information on lactic acid bacteria should be reorganized into a separate paragraph. Also, contrary to what is stated in the manuscript, reference #30 is indeed a prospective double-blind study, although the results did not show a reduction in urinary oxalate from ingestion of lactic acid bacteria. In the Hyperuricosuria section, what is an "incompatible patient"? Regarding hypocitraturia, lemon juice and citric acid in fruit juices are discussed as possible treatments in both the Pharmacotherapy and Nutrition Therapy sections, which is redundant. It would likely be more appropriate to consolidate this information under Nutrition Therapy. Under Medical Expulsive Therapy, reference #58 is referred to in the text by the wrong authors (Pedro is incorrect). Under Low Liquid Consumption, it is very important to add that water consumption is preferred, even more so than low-sugar or



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low-calorie drinks. The last sentence in the manuscript, regarding hyperphosphaturia, requires a reference.



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Congratulation, it is a very informative review, however some improvement on the manuscript is recommended. 1. The English need to be polished. 2. In the introduction, add information on introducing various types of stone and give information on the mechanism of these various types of stone formations. 3. Abbreviation. 4. Currently the manuscript is ended abruptly, a short conclusion will make it better.



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In "Medical and alternative therapies in the urinary tract stone disease" Yuvanc et. al present a review of the literature pertaining to the medical management of nephrolithiasis. In all the manuscript is an interesting review of the topic and the authors present data on both medications for prevention and medical expulsive therapies. Recommendations: 1. Please consider presenting some of the key portions of the papers in table format. Having tables adds significantly to the ease of use of the review. 2. Please review the most recent AUA guidelines for the medical management of stone disease, some of the recommended treatment strategies discussed differed from the AUA recommendations. This is of course ok, particularly that many of the guidelines recommendations are simply expert opinion. However reference to the guidelines should be made and where treatment strategies differ from guidelines it may be worthy of discussion. The link to the guidelines is below. <https://www.auanet.org/education/guidelines/management-kidney-stones.cfm> 3. Please consider having the manuscript re-proofed by an english language editor/proof-reader/native speaker. There were several minor grammatical, syntax and word choice errors throughout the manuscript.