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Xylopiya aethiopica has a long history in African traditional medicine and cuisine. This plant is also used to build doors, partitions, and boats. The medicinal properties proposed for this plant include its use in the treatment of pathologies that target the respiratory tract (bronchitis and asthma), the gastrointestinal tract (dysentery and stomach-aches) and the immune system (rheumatism). In this issue, researchers from the Borough of Manhattan Community College, Rutgers University, and the Population Council collaborated to explore the antioxidant and antimicrobial properties of commercial *X. aethiopica* products.