

# Review of: "Sacred Plants and Their Miraculous or Healing Properties"

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1. The abstract lacks clarity in defining terms like "sacred plants," "mystical experiences," and "ecstatic trance," which could lead to ambiguity.
2. Broad generalizations about psychoactive plants' roles in medicine, religion, and ritual life without specific examples or evidence weaken the abstract's argument.
3. The abstract overlooks the deep cultural significance and indigenous knowledge associated with psychoactive plants, missing an opportunity for a more thorough exploration.
4. Terms like "badly called 'hallucinogenic' plants" reflect bias and should acknowledge differing viewpoints within scientific and cultural communities.
5. The abstract covers a wide array of topics, from ritual to biological effects, which may benefit from a more focused approach for clarity and coherence.
6. While mentioning the latest research, the abstract lacks critical engagement and fails to discuss significance or limitations.
7. The introduction makes sweeping statements without specific examples or sources, weakening its credibility.
8. It lacks specificity and examples to support claims about hallucinogenic plants' historical significance.
9. While mentioning cultural and historical contexts, the introduction lacks depth and analysis.
10. The introduction's language may bias perspectives on hallucinogenic plants, failing to acknowledge diverse viewpoints.
11. There's a lack of balanced discussion on the risks and benefits of hallucinogenic plant use in the introduction.
12. The introduction overlooks ethical considerations, including cultural appropriation and sustainability issues.