

Review of: "The Hidden Aspects of A Century of Substance Use Policymaking in Iran"

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Review

It is very interesting to have a broadly interdisciplinary work where the authors belong to different specialities from psychiatry to epidemiology and history.

The title should be changed as the work deals with production and trade rather than use, and in particular with opium and its derivatives rather than general substances.

The work is very interesting and contains important insights into the governance of opium production and market in Iran in a century.

The knowledge of drug policies and the consequences, positive for the government, with the negative health and social outcomes should be the basis for the analysis of politicians when choosing drug policies around the world.

References are also very interesting and some works are made available in the paper as some authors know the original language.

The style of the narrative should be more concise and scientific and the clarity of exposition would be better if the content were summarised using a table like it (just as an example) to highlight critical points in the Conclusion paragraph.

time periods	related historical events	type of government in Iran	related countries	opium law and policy	government target results	health and social outcomes	...
1909-1930	International Opium Commission...	constitutional monarchy	Britain ... Russia..	free market rules...	government gain from opium taxes	huge number of people dependent on opium	...
1921-1930	..	Pahlavi Royal Court
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Reference ⁶ corresponding to the first author is not given (Emran M Razaghi).

