

Review of: "The Ancient Indian Knowledge System and the Medical Sciences"

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The manuscript needs it's interesting, but there are some weaknesses which, in my opinion, need to be reviewed carefully.

- First of all, the manuscript needs to be reviewed from the point of view of grammar and the rigor of scientific language.
- From a general point of view, the originality of the article does not emerge from the manuscript, given the huge amount of literature already existing on the subject.
- The aim of the article in the Abstract could be better defined.
- The *Ayurvedic Swayam Nadi Pariksha* appears in the Conclusions: it would be good to mention it also in the Abstract and explain it better in the text.
- In the Abstract it is said that the ancient Indian medical sciences are considered superior to modern allopathic treatments: it would be necessary to repeat this claim in the text and justify it.
- It should be indicated in the text that only some aspects of Ayurveda are considered, given that there is no mention of some fundamental aspects such as, for example: preventive medicine, the other methods of examining the patient (in addition to the pulse-examination), the diet, specialized therapies (*pancha-karma*), various remedies (besides medicinal plants) and their preparation methods, etc.
- It is said that within the ancient Indian scriptures, there are warnings regarding the use of spiritual practices for worldly goals: it would be appropriate to develop better this "paradox". Especially what it concerns the use made currently of Ayurvedic medicine and practices "out of context", for example in the Western world.
- More and more pertinent bibliographic references would be appropriate.