

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

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For Authors

1. The part of "Materials and Methods" doesn't really describe how or why the author chose the materials and/or methods of research.
2. The part of "Results" doesn't represent the results of the discussions in "Discussion 1" and "Discussion 2."
3. If the part of "Results" is to discuss the distribution of lots of psychotropic plants, then it needs some tables for comparison of the plants discussed for ease of understanding.
4. The part of "Results" makes the discussion too broad, not focused on mandrake and peyote.
5. "Discussion 1" is not as deep as "Discussion 2" and lacks a chemical perspective.
6. The abstract is too long.
7. There are some pictures that are not necessary, e.g., Figure 41.

The plant was used for soothing, analgesic, aphrodisiac, and fertility purposes, but also for its hallucinogenic properties as a medication for thousands of years in correct doses. At levels appropriate, it was used in ancient times for surgery, in general anesthesia, which was designed to induce a deep state of unconsciousness; also as common sedative-analgesic medications and as a pain killer. In the past, juice from the finely grated root was applied externally to relieve rheumatic pains and to treat melancholy, convulsions, and mania. [31]

8. Claims of the benefits of the plant discussed are not supported by data/evidence; it might be more helpful to include tables/charts of the contents of the plants.