

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

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This article addresses an interesting and important topic about which a considerable body of literature exists already.

The author would thus need to first explain what constitutes the gap of knowledge and how it was identified. In the following a specific research question or even a hypothesis should be formulated along with the methodology applied to tackle the question(s).

Currently this article lacks a methods section, is poorly structured and the information not contextualized. E.g. What is the relevance of the section "Archeological Record of Medical Practice" or the list of terms for different kind of fevers? And how was that list established? Based on which information and using what kind of method? The article is based on a limited number of secondary and tertiary literature and does not on ancient written sources.

Several ancient a newer ethnomedical concepts are briefly addressed in a rather uncritical way and poorly explained. Much of the statements and claims made are not substantiated. It does not become clear, why from the myriads of facets characterizing ancient Indian knowledge systemS (in fact there is more than one!) this few aspects were addressed.

The article lacks the intention to explain the cultural or emic knowledge system in scientific (etic) terms and to make connection between the two worlds ("Ancient Indian Knowledge System" and "Medical Sciences").

Other specific details: The Veddas are no "books". Avoid using "etc."

In conclusion: The article lacks scientific rigor, seems to be driven by patriotic feelings while the novelty does not become clear.