

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

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The work titled: "Sacred and miraculous plants" is very interesting, but still needs improvement.

Detailed notes:

1. The abstract is too long and unstructured.
2. The introduction should briefly introduce the research topic and end with a clear goal of the work or the formulation of an alternative research hypothesis in relation to the null hypothesis, which should then be verified later in the work.
3. The chapter "MATERIAL AND METHODS" is not very specific and too long. It should be shortened.
4. The "Results" chapter is rightly divided into subchapters because it makes it easier to read, but it should be much shorter.
5. The discussion is extensive but not very specific and makes little reference to recent news on the subject.
6. References – their number is large, but there are not many important literature references.

Strengths of the work:

1. Comprehensive Coverage: The article provides a detailed exploration of sacred plants, encompassing their historical, cultural, and pharmacological aspects. It delves into various terms associated with these plants, their roles in ritualistic practices, and their significance in different cultural contexts.
2. Interdisciplinary Approach: By integrating insights from anthropology, botany, mythology, and medicine, the text offers a holistic perspective on the subject matter. It examines not only the chemical properties of these plants but also their cultural and spiritual significance.
3. Cultural and Historical Context: The inclusion of historical and cultural contexts enriches the understanding of how sacred plants have been perceived and utilized across different civilizations and time periods. This enhances the reader's appreciation of the complexities surrounding these plants.
4. Clarity and Organization: Despite the complexity of the topic, the article maintains clarity in its presentation. The division into sections, such as Introduction, Materials and Methods, Historical Vision, and others, helps organize the content effectively, making it easier for readers to navigate through the text.

Areas for Improvement:

1. Language and Style: Some sentences are overly complex and may require simplification for better readability. Streamlining the language without sacrificing depth would make the text more accessible to a wider audience.
2. Visual Aids: The inclusion of visual aids, such as diagrams or illustrations, could enhance the understanding of certain concepts, especially those related to botanical classification or historical depictions.

3. In-text Citations: While the text references various scholars and researchers, it could benefit from more frequent in-text citations to support specific claims or statements. This would strengthen the credibility of the arguments presented.
4. Conclusion: The article could benefit from a more structured conclusion that summarizes key insights and findings, as well as offering potential avenues for future research or implications for contemporary society.