

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

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This article explores a topic of significance and interest that has already been extensively studied. However, the author must first establish the knowledge gap and explain how it was identified. It is essential to formulate a specific research question or hypothesis and outline the methodology employed to address these inquiries.

Presently, the article is deficient in providing a methods section, lacks a coherent structure, and lacks contextualization. For instance, the relevance of sections like "Archeological Record of Medical Practice" or the list of terms for different kinds of fevers is unclear. Moreover, the methodology employed to create that list, including the information used and the methods applied, is not explained. The article primarily relies on a limited number of secondary and tertiary sources rather than ancient written sources.

The article briefly touches on several ancient and newer ethnomedical concepts but does so in an uncritical manner with poor explanations. Many of the statements and claims made are not adequately substantiated. It is unclear why only a few aspects were addressed from the myriad facets that characterize ancient Indian knowledge systems (in fact, there is more than one!).

The article fails to convey an intention to explain the cultural or emic knowledge system using scientific (etic) terms and to establish connections between the two worlds of "Ancient Indian Knowledge System" and "Medical Sciences."