

Review of: "Medical Research in British India: Content Analysis of "The Indian Medical Gazette""

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I would congratulate the authors on an interesting topic. However, the paper reads more like a history of medicine in colonial India rather than an article focused on medical research in British India.

To better understand the article, it would have been worthwhile if the authors had written something about the status of publications of medical journals in other countries, including the colonising country (Great Britain), and other colonial countries.

Although the authors have highlighted the topics of research, like tropical infections, they have not documented the type of infrastructure available for this research. As written by the authors, most research was carried out by the doctors of the Indian Medical Services. Were these doctors working in medical colleges?

The authors have listed the top 15 authors who contributed to the Indian Medical Gazette. Surprisingly, there are many Indian names. A background about these Indian authors would have been worthwhile. Where were they trained? In England?

In content analysis, it would have been better if the authors had highlighted the top 10-15 most studied diseases. The content analysis performed by the authors does not provide any meaningful information.

The authors should have written something about the citations of the articles written in those times. Are some of them cited even today? Any landmark papers?

The overall narrative requires a better flow of thoughts.

Discussion: Are there any similar studies?