

Review of: "Harmful “Herbalism” maliciously spreading from Mexico determines cases of iatrogenic Cushing's syndrome"

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Mexico has a sustainable practice of Herbalism and traditional medicine and has had throughout multiple generations; 20-39% of the population consumes such products (OMS, 2019). The regulation of herbal and traditional medical products is managed by the COFEPRIS in México, and although they are in charge of such, some have evade regulation and thus can have the potential for iatrogenic effects. Not all products have such problems, and negative publications can damage Mexico's Herbalism and traditional medicine practice, which provides health services to an important portion of the population.

The underlying hypothesis within the article is interesting and of importance, but the execution and syntax gives an alarming tone (for example, the use of the words “malicious, hidden and fraudulent” can come out as emotionally charged use of language), which should not be in a scientific publication.

I would recommend the edition of the syntax and structure within the article.

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