A Scientific Review on Iranian Traditional Medicine from the Inductivity' point of view based on Avicenna's and Zachariah ye Razi's ideas

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Abstract:

Background and Purpose: There have been a lot of controversies about the scientificity of propositions and concepts of traditional medicine between critics and proponents of this field. The basic problem of these controversies is that it is not determined first what science itself is before deciding whether traditional medicine is science or not. It can be said that the first and most popular criterion for scientificity is which inductivists have offered which is the basis of scientists' work according to which being based on experimental observation and induction is the criterion for scientificity of a field of knowledge.

Methods and Materials: The research is library-based; at first it will introduce exactly the inductivists' criterion based on the most popular books on philosophy of science and then show that the foundation of the most characteristic men in traditional medicine is experiment and induction and so this field is science from inductivists' point of view.

Results: Traditional medicine is science in its modern term based on inductivists' criterion.

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