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## REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-57917

Title: Homeopathy in Hypothyroidism: A Critical Review of Evidence, Bias, and Clinical Relevance

**Recommendation:**

Accept as it is .....

✓ Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision .....

Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

| Rating | Excel. | Good | Fair | Poor |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Originality | | ✓ | | |
| Techn. Quality | | ✓ | | |
| Clarity | | ✓ | | |
| Significance | ✓ | | | |

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

### *Detailed Reviewer's Report*

**Strength of the study:**

- The topic is clinically relevant and addresses an area of ongoing public interest
- The review critically evaluates available evidence rather than promoting a particular viewpoint
- Clear objectives and methodology are provided
- Recent literature from 2020 to 2025 has been considered
- Risk of bias and methodological limitations are discussed in detail
- Useful tables and figures improve clarity
- The manuscript emphasizes evidence-based clinical decision making

**Weakness of the study:**

- The review is narrative in nature and lacks quantitative synthesis
- No formal systematic review or meta-analysis was performed
- Several sections are repetitive and could be condensed
- Language and grammar require substantial editing in many places
- Some statements are overly assertive without sufficient discussion of alternative perspectives
- Search strategy details need greater transparency
- Ethical statement and conflict of interest declaration are not clearly presented

**Reviewers Comments:**

This manuscript presents a critical review of the evidence regarding the use of homeopathy in hypothyroidism. The topic is important because many patients seek complementary therapies for thyroid disorders. The review is well structured and provides a balanced discussion of clinical outcomes, methodological weaknesses, placebo effects, biological plausibility, and clinical relevance. The inclusion of evidence tables and bias assessment enhances the overall quality of the manuscript. However, the article would benefit from careful language editing, as grammatical errors, awkward sentence construction, and formatting inconsistencies are present throughout the text. Although the authors have discussed ethical concerns related to patient care and treatment substitution, a clear statement regarding ethical considerations for this review should be included. The main limitation is the dependence on low-quality primary studies and the absence of strong thyroid-specific clinical trials. Overall, the manuscript is informative, clinically relevant, and provides a useful overview of the current evidence base.

**Previously Published anywhere/Plagiarism check:**

Based on the submitted manuscript, there is no obvious indication that the work has been previously published elsewhere. The review appears to be an original synthesis of recent literature. No direct evidence of plagiarism is apparent from reading the manuscript. Nevertheless, a formal similarity and plagiarism screening should be conducted by the journal before final acceptance to confirm originality and publication integrity.