The “death” of the “placebo myth” in Homeopathy

Prof. Vithoulkas' response to an article in the International Journal of Clinical Practice that claimed that homeopathic treatment has side effects.

To the Editor: International Journal of Clinical Practice

Sir,

I wish to comment on the paper “Adverse effects of homeopathy: a systematic review of published case reports and case series” by Posadzki et al.¹

The efficacy of homeopathy has always being denied with the argument that the remedies were inactive and therefore the curative results were due to placebo effect. In this study becomes apparent that there is actually a strong biological effect upon the human organism, something that was maintained all along by homeopaths (initial aggravation in serious diseases, proving symptoms etc.).

The well researched article by Posadzki et al giving evidence of the adverse effects of homeopathic remedies upon the human organisms, proves clearly that this fact cannot be denied any more. This was previously denied by many sceptics and allied scientists² between them Prof. Ernst who signs this study and who, for many years, has denied the efficacy of homeopathy³.

I believe that this paper is a good starting point for discussions between the two approaches: homeopathy and conventional medicine in order to be discovered each other’s strengths and weaknesses.


The Journal denied to publish this response !!