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Ph.D report

I appreciate Mr. Vinay Mahajan for choosing this topic as there is lack of appropriate documentation in this alternate system of medicine. This research is apt in order to generate data repository to draw evidences for policy advocacy which is dominated by the allopaths.

The thesis has been well presented and the chapters have been well thought of. The architecture is well explained.

The highlight on validation of the database is ~~not~~ been a little weak. The graphs are of poor resolution and hard to view and interpret.

Page 105: The use of t test is not appropriate since the SD are equal to or greater than the mean. Nonparametric test would be appropriate.

Page 108: No labels for the radar plot

A few of the illustrations lack appropriate labeling to understand what the figures depict.

I would suggest adding recommendations and future research in this area.

However, owing to the relevance of this work and the details laid down regarding the technical requirements for creating data repository, I recommend this work for award of the doctoral degree.

Thanks and regards,

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