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Diversity of the Divine Plant Soma: A Search from Rigveda to Modern Science A Conglomerated Review

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ABSTRACT The Vedic age plant Soma is still a Botanical enigma throughout the world. A search for this divine plant in Rigveda, Manusmruti and Ayurveda is not futile; rather it has initiated a spirit to realize the ancient Soma culture from scientific point of view. The diversity for the identification of the Soma is now concentrated on *Sarcostemma* sp; needs a detailed phytochemical analysis. A note on views and interactions of scientists and indologists are discussed in this communication.