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## Homoeopathic Pathogenetic Trial: what symptoms are genuine, true, reliable and valid symptoms of the tested substance and which are not? Criteria for the selection of symptoms

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## Abstract

The homoeopathic physicians dedicated to the homoeopathic pathogenetic research know that the selection and extraction of symptoms stage is the phase that presents the hardest practical resolution and where the most important difficulties are faced. The present work deals in detail with the discusion of the problems and difficulties that appear in direct relation with the above mentioned stage, and at the same time the strategies implemented in the Double Protocol of Homoeopathic Pathogenetic Trial are presented and analysed. The need to count with rigorous and defined criteria for the selection (inclusion and exclusion) of symptoms that minimize the incidence of the researcher's subjectivity in such a critical and trascendental moment as the present one is strongly emphasised. Finally it is proved how the advantages of the scientific method can be applied to the homoeopathic research neither damagig the principle of individuality nor becoming in conflict with Hahnemann's doctrine and producing a manifest improvement in the quality (validity) of the obtained information.

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