

**Bod kyi gso ba rig pa'i mdun lam dang skabs bab kyi 'gan
'khri'i skor gyi bsam gzhigs thor bu
(The future and destiny of Tibetan medicine and its current
responsibilities)**

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Tibetan medicine, which has a history of more than three thousand years, is a part of Tibetan civilisation, and has greatly profited the development of Tibetan population and their health. Even now, while modern science and technology have developed greatly in the world, Tibetan medicine has its own practical value. However, the swing of the development of modern science and medicine has brought both crisis and opportunity to Tibetan medicine. The present study will use the methodology of modern scientific research to compare the theory of Tibetan medicine with the findings of modern science, modern medicine, the science of life and physiology. It will further discuss the crisis and opportunities facing Tibetan medicine – its informational and scientific characteristics – and the question of its future survival. The conclusion, in five sections, will present the value and current situation of Tibetan medicine and its future responsibilities with regard modern civilisation, politics and economy.