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## INCANTATIONS OF FOLK MEDICE (ACCORDING TO NEW ETHNOGRAPHIC MATERIALS FROM TSALENJIKHA) - I

In terms of ethnography, Megrelia is an interesting region for its past and its present, though it has not been sufficiently studied so far.

Incantations of folk medicine that have been recorded in Megrelia, specifically in the villages of Tsalenjikhadistrict mostly serve as a psychological factor and could be considered as a supplementary *healing* method.

We believe, folk methods and formulas revealed within the framework of the ethnographic study will be interesting for researchers in the medical field.

At present, the population mainly prefers qualified health services; however, the legacy of folk medicine is still actively applied being considered as an important tool for healing.