

Studies on medicinal plants of Vietnam (Oral Presentation)

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Introduction

Vietnam has a very rich and diverse biodiversity, including 3,850 medicinal plants. Vietnam has also a long history of traditional medicine, which plays an important role for the health care of its people, especially in the mountainous areas. Based on these resources, the new drugs could be discovered.

Objectives

An overview on the medicinal plants of Vietnam, especially ethno-medicinal plants and medical indigenous knowledge, from the past to the present, and their potential value for the discovery of new medicines.

Methods

Summarize the scientific surveys in Vietnam.

Results

See details in the full paper.

Keywords: Traditional medicine, ethno-medicinal plants, indigenous knowledge, new drugs.

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