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# Review of Ethnoveterinary Medicine for Animal Healthcare in Nigeria

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Abstract: Poor animal health is a major problem limiting livestock productivity in sub-Saharan Africa including Nigeria. Decline in funding veterinary services, animal health and cost of veterinary medicines and services have pushed poor, rural farmers to search for alternative medicine. Ethnoveterinary medical practices play important roles in animal healthcare system in Nigeria. This work was done to provide information on some medicinal plants that are used to treat animal diseases in Nigeria. Previous works were critically reviewed in order to identify relevant information on the medicinal plants used to treat poultry, large and small animal diseases by livestock farmers in Nigeria such as: pasteurellosis, fowl cholera, Newcastle disease, foot-and-mouth disease, helmintosis dermatomycosis, trypanosomosis, poisoning, dysentery, diarrhea, oedema, inflammation, skin infection, ectoparasites infestations, etc. The plant names (scientific, English, local), plant parts, therapeutic regimens, phytochemical principles and associated diseases were recorded. The aim was to boost animal healthcare and productivity by providing useful information from identified medicinal plants which can be used in treatment and management of various animal diseases in Nigeria.

Keywords: Ethnoveterinary medicine, Livestock, Medicinal plants, Diseases, Animal healthcare.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

The relationship between man and animals with plants obviously originated with the beginning of life on earth, when plants supplied much of the shelter, oxygen, food and medicine needed by higher life forms. Overtime man learned to recognize and categorize plant materials suited for use in meeting the necessities of life. Of these necessities, the use of herbs and herbal extracts to enhance health can be traced to the earliest of folklore, traditions and writings that were codified and used for their ability to ease pain and treat diseases. The evolution of this bioresource-based medicinal system, primarily based on plants within a local area, produced the well-known traditional medicine systems (Mamedov, 2012). According to World Health Organization (WHO, 2019), traditional medicine is the sum total of the knowledge, skill and practices based on the theories, beliefs and experiences indigenous to different cultures, whether explicable or not, used in the maintenance of health as well as in the prevention, diagnosis, improvement or treatment of physical and mental illness. Furthermore, Jabbar et al., (2005) reported that at least 80% of the world's population (especially in developing countries) relies on medicinal plants for their primary health care needs, and for control and treatment of various diseases affecting livestock. In addition, about 35,000 to 70,000 medicinal plants species have been used as medicines. This figure corresponds to 14-28% of the 250,000 medicinal plants species estimated to occur around the world (Mamedov, 2012). Ethnoveterinary medicine is the holistic, interdisciplinary study of local knowledge and its associated skills, practices, beliefs, practitioners and socio-cultural structures and environment associated with and pertaining to the healthcare and healthful husbandry of food, work, and other income-producing animals, always with an eye to practical development of applications within livestock production and livelihood systems, and with the ultimate goal of increasing human wellbeing through increased benefits from stock raising (Okoli et al., 2002; Uwagie-Ero et al., 2017). Ethnoveterinary practice is widespread among herders and local livestock producers. Traditional remedies in this area include use of herbs extracts from different medicinal plant parts. In Nigeria, the use of herbal extract in animal husbandry is gaining prominence among livestock owners either due to lack of access

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to conventional care, high cost of orthodox medicines, increasing adverse effects, lack of trained manpower or the held belief that herbal remedies are more efficacious (Offiah *et al.*, 2011).

In Nigeria and most developing countries, animal disease remains one of the leading causes of poor livestock health and production; this creates an ever-increasing gap between the supply and demand for livestock products. Livestock entrepreneurs are often faced with the challenge of unavailability of orthodox drugs, fake/adulterated drugs, high costs of orthodox drugs or trained veterinary services and these often make them to seek alternatives by turning to indigenous systems of animal health care. The shortage in the number of trained manpower in veterinary services is resulting in limited service coverage to livestock farmer in developing countries. Hence, they regularly visit traditional healers or indigenous knowledge holders to get solutions for their sick animals (Gebremedhin *et al.*, 2015).

Poor animal health is still a major problem limiting livestock productivity in sub-Saharan Africa including Nigeria. According to Offiah et al., (2011), it is documented that humans utilize the same herbal preparations that they use to treat their sick animals. As a result, farmers are known to treat animal diseases with herbs even before the advent of orthodox medicine. Ethnoveterinary practices remain relevant and vital in many areas in Nigeria due to absence or inadequate provision of modern medical services particularly in rural areas or during emergency cases. Therefore, in order to maintain healthy livestock industry traditional healing practices have been used for centuries from generation to generation (Phondani et al., 2010). The importance of indigenous ethnoveterinary practices cannot be over emphasized, though this knowledge is not documented and is dwindling fast (Yinegar et al. 2007). It is also a fact that ethnomedicinal knowledge is on the verge of decline due to sparse effort in documentation of the oral tradition transmitted across generations (Matekaire and Bwakura, 2004). This situation is being worsened by rapid socio-economic, technological and environmental changes posing significant threat to the future wellbeing of human and animal populations that have relied on these resources to combat various health conditions for ages. Therefore, to document, promote and conserve Nigeria's ethnoveterinary biodiversity is a timely intervention. Sourcing of ethnoveterinary medicine is relatively easy as the raw materials - mainly wild or cultivated medicinal plants - are freely available or they can be provided at little cost from the growers. Ethnoveterinary medicine is well tolerated and effective with less adverse effects while resistance is yet to be recorded when compared to alternative modern veterinary medicine and can be administered by anyone with good knowledge as no western knowledge is required (Uwagie-Ero et al., 2017).

Over the years, scientists have recorded medicinal plants used in treating animal diseases in Nigeria. For example, Saganuwan (2017) recorded sixty-eight tropical plants that are used to treat poultry diseases in Nigeria and twenty-two tropical plants used to treat small animal diseases in Nigeria. Uwagie-Ero et al., (2017) listed forty-five medicinal plants used for treatment of animal diseases in Nigeria. Offiah et al., (2011) listed fifty-seven medicinal plants used in treatment of animal diarrhea in Nigeria. Alawa et al., (2002) outlined some ethnoveterinary medical practice for ruminants in the northern Nigeria. Ayeni and Basiri (2018) presented a surveyed result of ethnoveterinary plants used in treating livestock among the Fulani people of Girei, Adamawa State of Nigeria. The survey identified thirty medicinal plants species and the different livestock disease conditions they treat. Adeniran et al., (2020) documented thirty-one medicinal plants used in ethnoveterinary practices in the Federal Capital Territory in North-Central geopolitical zone of Nigeria. Similary, Chah et al., (2009) identified twelve plant species for the treatment of seventeen diseases in small ruminants in the Eastern Guinea Savanna region of Nigeria.

It is important to note that ethnoveterinary practice is not limited to Nigeria but widespread in other African nations. For example, Marandure (2016) reviewed the application of concepts and key issues of ethnoveterinary medicine in Zimbabwe. Luseba and Tshisikhawe (2013) listed medicinal plants used in the treatment of livestock diseases in Vhembe region of South Africa. Birhanu and Abera (2015) surveyed twenty-five ethnoveterinary medicinal plants in Horro Gudurru District of Western Ethiopia. Earlier, Minja (1994) reported one hundred and three medicinal plant species from forty-eight families used in the promotion of animal health in Tanzania. Similarly, Dzoyem *et al.*, (2020) recorded one hundred and thirty-eight plants that are used in Cameroon to manage livestock diseases, and maintained that an overwhelming majority of animal owners in Cameroon rely on traditional healthcare practices to keep their animals healthy and to treat them when they are sick.

Apart from Africa, ethnoveterinary medicine is also applicable in other countries. For example, Saikia and Borthakur (2010) listed twenty medicinal plants used in animal healthcare from Gophur, India. Similarly, Panda *et al.*, (2017)

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outlined forty-four plant species for ethnoveterinary practices to remedy twenty-three types of animal ailments in India. Aziz *et al.*, (2018) identified seventy-three medicinal plants for traditional and veterinary practices in Pakistan. Again, Aziz *et al.*, (2020) reported four hundred and seventy-four plant species corresponding to two thousand three hundred and eighty-six remedies which are used to treat domestic animals in Pakistan. In addition, Suroowan *et al.*, (2017) reviewed ethnoveterinary health management practices using medicinal plants in South Asia and found that two hundred and seventy-six plants are used for managing fourteen categories of animal diseases.

Table 1 shows a list of some tropical plants used to treat animal diseases in Nigeria, adopted from Saganuwan (2017).

Table 1: Tropical plants used to treat animal diseases in Nigeria

| S/n | Family, Scientific<br>& common<br>Name(s)                           | Vernacular<br>names   | Part(s)<br>used                    | Therapeutic regimen(s)   | Phytochemica<br>l principles   | Animal<br>disease (s)   | Reference   |
|-----|---|---|------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| 1.  | Fabaceae<br>Acacia nilotica (L.)<br>Wild ex Delile<br>(Babul)       | Bagaruwa<br>(H)<br>Gabaruwa<br>(N)<br>Booni (Y)             | Dried bark,<br>fruits, and<br>seed | Infusion of pounded plant parts used to wash affected parts.                   | Gallotannins, catechins  | Foot-and-mouth disease.   | Saganuwan<br>, 2010.  |
| 2.  | Rubiaceae Gardenia erubescens Stapf & Hutch (Gardenia)              | Gaude (H)<br>Dingali (F)                                    | Seeds, root<br>seed                | Powder with egret and chicken faeces   | Crocin, tannin   | Foot-and-mouth disease.   | Saganuwan<br>, 2010.  |
| 3.  | Papilionaceae Vigna unguiculata Linn. (Cowpea)                      | Wanke (H) Agwa (I) Ezo ( N) Ewa (Y)                         | Seeds,<br>flower                   | The powder with egret and chicken faeces                                       | Proteins   | Foot-and-mouth disease, oedema, inflammation.   | Mann et al., 2003.  |
| 4.  | Asteraceae<br>Vernonia<br>amygdalina Del.<br>(Bitter leaf)          | Shiwaka (H)<br>Ewuro (Y)<br>Tsula (N)<br>Onugbu (I)         | Leaves                             | The powder mix with salt and infusion is given often.                          | Vernodalin. Vernolepin, Vernomygdin, tannins, saponin, vitamin C, Root is toxic. | Helminthosis,<br>bacterial<br>infection   | Saganuwan<br>et al.,<br>2007,<br>Saganuwan<br>,2010.  |
| 5.  | Meliaceae<br>Khaya senegalensis<br>Desr. A. Juss<br>(Mahogany tree) | Madachi (H) Ono (I) Dalchi (F) Wuchi (N) Oganwo (Y)         | Bark, seed<br>oil                  | The powder with potash<br>is bran give: root<br>powder is applied<br>topically | Limonoid,<br>sapoletin,<br>tannins,<br>saponins,<br>sterols,<br>manganese        | Helminthosis,<br>bacterial<br>infection,<br>ectoparasites<br>infestation<br>Trypanosomosis<br>, dysentery | Saganuwan<br>, 2010.<br>Adamu <i>et</i><br><i>al.</i> , 2012.                               |
| 6.  | Meliaceae Azadiractha indica A. Juss (Neem tree)                    | Nimu (N),<br>Dogonyaro<br>(I)<br>Dongoyaro<br>(H)           | Bark, oil                          | Infusion of the powder<br>with potash or salt<br>given; oil is rubbed          | Nimbin,<br>azadiractin,<br>salamin,<br>meliacin,<br>limbolide                    | Helminthosis,<br>sarpcoroptic,<br>psoroptic<br>mange,<br>inflammation                                     | Saganuwan<br>& Uko<br>2005.<br>Saganuwan<br>, 2010.<br>Adamu <i>et</i><br><i>al.</i> , 2012 |
| 7.  | Sapotaceae Vitellaria paradoxa C.F. Gaertn (Shea butter tree)       | Kadanya (H)<br>Karerevi (F)<br>Ori (Y)<br>Kochi (N)         | Bark                               | Infusions or Decoction given   | Fixed oils,<br>alkaloids   | Helmintosis<br>dermatomycosis,<br>poisoning,<br>dysentery,<br>diarrhea.                                   | Saganuwan<br>et al.,<br>2010.<br>Adamu et<br>al., 2012                                      |
| 8.  | Verbanaceae Vitex doniana Thonn. (Black plum)                       | Dinya (H)<br>Dinchi (N)<br>Oriri (Y)                        | Bark,<br>leaves,<br>fruits         | Decoction is given to calves   | Arylglycoside  | Helminthosis,<br>skin infection,<br>colic, dysentery,<br>diarrhea.  | Saganuwan<br>, 2010.  |
| 9.  | Curcurbitaceae<br>Momordica<br>balsamina Linn.<br>(Balsam pear)     | Garahuni (H) Ejinrin (Y) Ibuzo akban Ndene (I) Garafini (N) | Leaves                             | Powder mixed with the cattle urine or the infusion is given to calves          | Momordicine,<br>glutelin,<br>albumin,<br>globunin,<br>aminobutyric<br>acid       | Helminthosis  | Saganuwan<br>,2010.   |

Adopted from: Saganuwan (2017).

 $\textbf{Keys:} \ \text{Nupe (N), Igbo (I), Yoruba (Y), Hausa (H), Fulfulde (F), -= No information}$ 

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Table 2 shows some commonly used plants in ethnoveterinary medicine in Nigeria adopted from Uwagie-Ero et al., (2017).

Table 2: Some commonly used plants in ethnoveterinary medicine in Nigeria

| S/n | Family, Scientific & Common Name (s)  | Vernacular<br>Names                                   | Part (s) used                      | Disease cured   | Application  | Reference  |
|-----|---|---|------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1.  | Fabaceae Acacia albida / Faidherbia albida. (Delile) A. Chev. (Apple ring acacia) | Gawo (H)  | Leaves                             | Stuffy eye  | Macerate in water and drench animal.   | Marandure 2016.  |
| 2.  | Fabaceae Acacia nilotica (L.) Wild ex Delile (Babul)                              | Bagaruwa (H)<br>Gabaruwa (N)<br>Booni (Y)             | Dried bark.<br>Fruits and<br>seeds | Foot and mouth disease  | Infusion of pounded plant parts used to wash affected parts.   | Marandure,<br>2016.  |
| 3.  | Bombacaceae<br>Adansonia digitate<br>Linn.<br>(Baobab)                            | Ose (Y)<br>Igiose (I)<br>Kukaa/Kulambali<br>(H)       | Fruits                             | Fowl cholera  | Powder mixed with feed.  | Marandure,<br>2016. Mann<br>et al., 2003.<br>Sofowora,<br>1993                         |
| 4.  | Alliaceae Allium sativum Linn. (Garlic)   | Aayi (Y)<br>Ayo-ishi (I)<br>Tafarunua (H)             | Leaves                             | Pasteurellosis  | Decoction is given to animals.   | Marandure,<br>2016.<br>Sofowora,<br>1993.<br>Saganuwan,<br>2010. Mann<br>et al., 1997. |
| 5.  | Alliaceae Allium cepa Linn. (Onion)   | Alubosa (Y)<br>Alu-bosa (I)<br>Albasa (H)             | Bulb                               | Pasteurellosis,<br>cowdriosis   | Decoction is administered to affected animals.   | Marandure,<br>2016. Mann<br>et al., 2003.<br>Iwu, 1993.                                |
| 6.  | Anacardiaceae Anarcardium occidentale (Cashew)                                    | Kaju (Y)<br>Sas-hu (I)<br>Kanju (H)                   | Leaves, seed.                      | Diarrhea,<br>infertility.<br>Arthritis, hepatitis   | The powder is mixed with animal feed, smoke repel of kill insects.                                   | Marandure,<br>2016. Mann<br>et al., 2003.<br>Sofowora,<br>1993.                        |
| 7.  | Annonaceae<br>Annona senegalensis<br>Pers.<br>(Wild custard apple)                | Uburu-ocha (I)<br>Abo (Y)<br>Gwander daajii (H)       | Leaves                             | Antibiotics   | Macerate in water and administer orally to the animal.   | Marandure,<br>2016. Mann<br>et al., 2003.<br>Sofowora,<br>1993.                        |
| 8.  | Annonaceae Annona muricata Linn. (Soursop)  | Sawamsop (I)  | Root                               | Pediculosis,<br>helminthosis,<br>pasteurellosis,<br>lousiness, cough,<br>trypanosomosis,<br>diarrhea,<br>dysentery. | Decoction is prepared with root of <i>T. indica</i> and <i>A. senegslensis</i> and given to animals. | Marandure,<br>2016. Mann<br>et al., 2003,<br>Sofowora,<br>1993.                        |
| 9.  | Fabaceae<br>Arachis hypogea<br>Linn. (Groundnut)                                  | Ahuekele (I)<br>Epa (Y)<br>Ayayaa (H)                 | Oil                                | Poisoning   | Oil is given to the poisoned birds to drink.   | Marandure,<br>2016. Mann<br>et al., 2003.<br>Sofowora,<br>1993.                        |
| 10. | Meliaceae<br>Azadirachta indica<br>A. Juss.<br>(Neem tree)                        | Dongoyaro (Y)<br>Ogwuakom (I)<br>Maina (H)            | Barks                              | Helminthosis,<br>dermatomycosis,<br>poisoning,<br>dysentery,<br>diarrhea.   | Bark infusion or decoction is given.   | Marandure,<br>2016.<br>Sharma et<br>al., 1967.<br>Adamu et<br>al., 2012.               |
| 11. | Cannabaceae Cannabis indica Lam. (Hemp plant)                                     | Wiyiwiyi (N)<br>Bakalele/Bakare<br>kare (H)           | Leaves                             | Newcastle disease   | The leave are soaked in drinking water.  | Mann <i>et al.</i> ,<br>2003.<br>Saganuwan,<br>2010                                    |
| 12. | Rutaceae<br>Citrus aurantifola<br>(Christm) Swingle.<br>(Lime)                    | Oloma nkirisi (I)<br>Osan wewe (Y)<br>Karemi lemu (H) | Leaves                             | Diarrhoea   | Give the liquid extract to animal orally until symptoms disappear.                                   | Mann et al.,<br>2003. Iwu,<br>1993.<br>Saganuwan,<br>2010.                             |

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| 13. | Rutaceae Citrus aurantium Linn. (Bitter orange)                          | Lemu maizaki (H)<br>Lemu nasara (N)               | Root, Bark           | Trypanosomosis  | Mix the powder with butter and apply through the anus.                        | Mann et al.,<br>2003.<br>Sofowora,<br>1993.<br>Saganuwan,<br>2010             |
|-----|--|---|----------------------|---|---|---|
| 14. | Papilionaceae  Desmodium  velutinum (Willd.)  DC.  (Velvet leaf)         | Dankadafi (H)<br>Emo/ Eeno (Y)<br>Labalabangi (N) | Whole of the shoot   | Abortion  | Decoction with potash given to animal.  | Marandure,<br>2016. Mann<br>et al., 2003<br>Sofowora,<br>1993.                |
| 15. | Dioscoreaceae Dioscorea dumetorum (Kunth) Pax. (Bitter yam)              | -   | Root                 | Blindness   | Pound extract with water and drop into the eye.                               | Ademola et al., 2005  |
| 16. | Echinochloa<br>pyramidalis Lam.<br>Hitchc. And Chase<br>(Antelope grass) | Sabe (H)<br>Kabadoko (N)                          | Whole plant          | Mastitis  | Decoction is used to wash<br>the affected Udder                               | Mann et al.,<br>2003.<br>Sofowora,<br>1993. Iwu,<br>1993.                     |
| 17. | Aracaceae Elaeis guineensis Jacq. (African palm oil)                     | Aku (I)<br>Ekuro (Y)<br>Kwakwa (H)                | Fresh peels          | Psoroptic mange   | The Oil of <i>E. guineensis</i> is rubbed followed by rubbing of fresh peels. | Marandure,<br>2016. Mann<br>et al., 2003.<br>Iwu, 1993                        |
| 18. | Euphorbiaceae Euphorbia poissonii Pax. (Dogs thorn)                      | Oro elewe (Y)<br>Tinyaa (H)                       | Latex                | Sore, wounds  | Latex is rubbed on sore,<br>wound or any fresh cut.                           | Iwu, 1993,<br>Dalziel,<br>1996.<br>Gbile, 1986.                               |
| 19. | Moracaceae Ficus exasperate Vahl. (Fig tree)                             | Ogbu (I)<br>Oporo/Opoto (Y)<br>Achedinnmi (H)     | Leaves               | Fever /<br>Malnutrition   | Mash leaves, mix with water, give the liquid extract to animal.               | Ademola et al., 2005.   |
| 20. | Moracaeae Ficus platyphylla Del. (Broad leaf fig)                        | Afomo (Y)<br>Gamiji (H)<br>Dzurugi (N)            | Bark                 | Bovine,<br>contagious,<br>pleuropneumonia                             | Dry/pound the bark into powder and add salt, administer daily orally.         | Ademola et al., 2005.   |
| 21. | Malvaceae Abelmoschus esculentus (L.) Moench (Okra)                      | Okwuru (I)<br>Ila/Ilasa (Y)<br>Kubewa (H)         | Stem                 | Placenta ejection   | Pound dry stem/add water.<br>Drench the animal with<br>liquid.                | Ademola et al., 2005.   |
| 22. | Meliaceae  Khaya anthotheca (Welw.) C. DC. (White Mahogany)              | -   | Stem bark            | Haematuria,<br>Dermatophilosis,<br>babeisosis,<br>facioliasis, scours | The white powder is mixed with feed.  | Sofowora,<br>1993. Iwu,<br>1993   |
| 23. | Anarcadiaceae<br>Mangifera indica<br>Linn. (Mango)                       | Mangolo (I)<br>Mangoro (Y)<br>Mangwaro (H)        | Leaves/Bark<br>Roots | Diarhoea,<br>Rinderpest,<br>Ringworm,<br>Scabies.                     | Grind leaves/bark, mix<br>with water and give<br>animal.                      | Ademola et al., 2005.   |
| 24. | Moringaceae<br>Moringa Oleifera<br>Lam. (Drumstick<br>tree)              | Okwe oyibo (I)<br>Ewe ile (Y)<br>Zogale (H)       | Leaves, stalks       | Dystocia  | Decoction is given to animal during labour.                                   | Marandure,<br>2016. Mann<br>et al., 2003.<br>Sofowora,<br>1993.<br>Iwu, 1993. |

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# 2. CONCLUSION

Nigeria is richly endowed with rich ethnoveterinary bioresources widely distributed in all habitats across the nation and with adequate indigenous medical knowledge of utilizing them for a healthy animal population, combat diseases and to create wealth. Natural medicines and products made from medicinal plants and administered appropriately usually produce good results with minimal side effect (if any). Therefore, in order to sustain this practice more attention should be paid to developing ethnoveterinary practice in Nigeria through documentation and conservation of our biodiversity and traditional knowledge systems. This effort will make more natural products available, accessible and affordable to the livestock farmers, animal owners and herders as good alternative to orthodox medicines and products. Hence, it is very importance to evaluate, utilize, document, promote and integrate the numerous benefits of ethnoveterinary animal

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healthcare practices into current primary livestock health care delivery service in Nigeria. Moreover, it is needful to preserve the chain of transfer of ethnoveterinary knowledge from generation to generation by proper and very detailed documentation. This is necessary because majority of the custodians of indigenous traditional knowledge are aged and often unlearned, inaccessible and neglected.

#### 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

A comprehensive database of ethnoveterinary medicinal plants and ethnoveterinary practices in different States of Nigeria is highly recommended. Ethnoveterinary medicines need to be developed into over-the-counter drugs which can be sold in different parts of the country especially where urbanization has made access to the medicinal plants difficult. Massive cultivation, conservation and preservation of these ethnoveterinary medicinal plants especially the endangered species that are at the verge of extinction is also recommended. Government intervention is also recommended in order to make necessary policies that will guard against animal grazing, human activities e.g. bush burning, deforestation, etc which will be necessary in conservation of medicinal plants and preservation of ethnoveterinary biodiversity of Nigeria. Finally, further research work is recommended to be done concerning the efficacy, potency, pharmacological and toxicity studies of ethnoveterinary medicines in Nigeria.

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