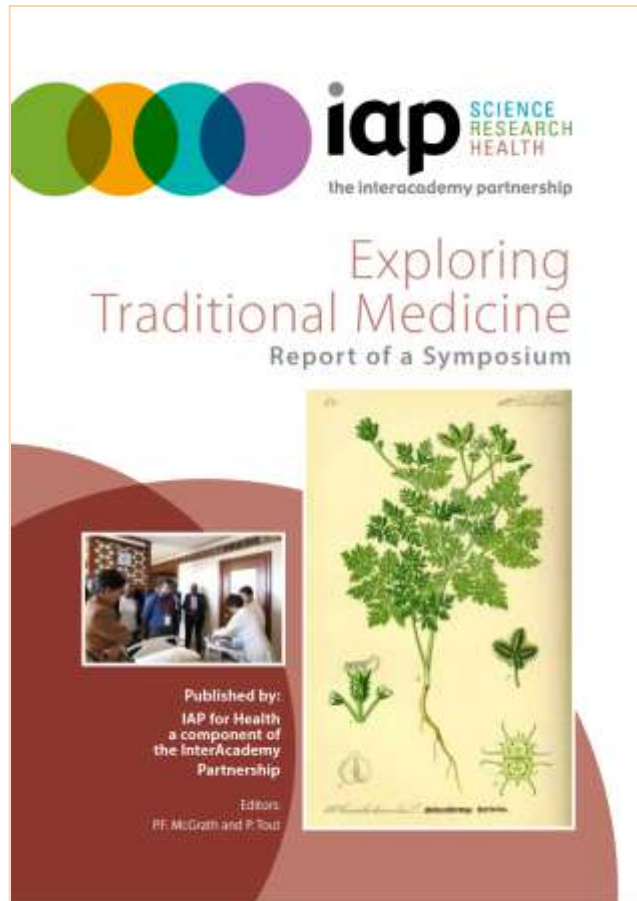


# Exploring Traditional Medicine: Report of a symposium



According to the World Health Organization (WHO), traditional medicines can play a large part in reaching the Sustainable Development Goal SDG3, which calls for “ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages.”

Such medicines often have a long and effective history of use. But a significant challenge to their wider uptake is the lack of scientific data and evidence of their effectiveness and safety.

Recognizing this knowledge gap, IAP for Health, a component network of the InterAcademy Partnership, has published ‘Exploring Traditional Medicine: Report of a symposium’.

The volume contains 24 case studies from 16 countries, selected by an expert panel nominated by IAP for Health member academies.

Since the presentation of the case studies at a symposium in Beijing, China, in September 2015, the case studies have been edited to make them accessible to a wider, more general audience, including policy-makers.

The 24 case studies are divided into four thematic sections:

- Section 1: Clinical trials – 7 case studies from China, the Philippines, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.
- Section 2: Physical methods – including acupuncture and wet cupping.
- Section 3: Public health – including case studies from South Africa and Sri Lanka.
- Section 4: Pharmacology – 11 case studies from countries such as Madagascar, Croatia and China.

The book is available for download from <http://www.iamp-online.org/content/traditional-medicine> and <http://www.interacademies.net/Publications/31264.aspx>

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