Abstract

the Libellus de Medicinalibus Indorum Herbis or Indian Herb Book, better known as Codex de la Cruz Badiano, is a brief description, beautifully illustrated, of the medical and pharmaceutical activities in the XVI century. This is one of the most important sources for the study of the pharmaceutical practice at the end of the spanish conquest. In spite of being relatively well known and of being in constant study, from the Pharmaceutical point of view, few analysis of the Libellus have been made. This study is a brief historical summary of the different stages the Libellus underwent and it includes a pharmaceutical point of view of some interesting aspects of the Codex de la Cruz - Badiano

Keywords

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