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To evaluate how plants in folk medicine and diverse forms of application by the communities of the municipality of Milagres in Ceará.

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: The lack of medical care, pharmaceutical and economic crisis, such as information on the use of medicinal plants, developing an empirical knowledge about the use of nature. A Brazilian popular medicine reflects the knowledge transmitted as generations that spread their knowledge about a medicinal flora, becoming as medicinal plants tools in pharmaceutical care. Ceará is rich in medicinal species endemic to the region, traditionally inhabited by the population, but little explored by pharmacology. **Objective:** To evaluate how plants in folk medicine and diverse forms of application by the communities of the municipality of Milagres in Ceará. **Methodology:** The research was carried out in the municipality of Milagres-CE, between November and December, through the questionnaire applied in several points of the city and rural area for consumers and raizeiros. **Results:** The most common plants in this community are: Lemon grass, Anise, Lemon balm, Spearmint and Eucalyptus. Reports of the interviewees showed that the treatment with medicinal plants resulted in the improvement up to 100% of the pathology. **Conclusion:** The population makes use of listed species treatment of pathologies indiscriminately. A study is needed on the use of medicinal plants in this region and a transmission of knowledge to a population.

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