

out detailed pharmacological studies for isolation, purification and characterization of bioactive compounds and in discovery of new drugs for large-scale utilization. Preliminary screening of bioactive compounds from a few medicinal plants of these islands prospects a great potential in drug development. Extensive research work in this endeavor is expected to benefit if sustainable efforts are mounted in systematic way.

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