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Traditional Knowledge of Zoonotherapeutics Use by Sumi Tribe of Nagaland, India

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ABSTRACT The present study is the first report on the traditional knowledge of zoonotherapeutics practices by Sumi tribe under Zunheboto district of Nagaland, India. Data were collected through semi-structured questionnaire and open interview with informants selected based on their knowledge about the traditional medicine and practices. A total of 10 invertebrates and 30 vertebrates species was listed, where different parts and products of various animals were used for the treatment of different ailments practiced by forefathers and elders till date. The majority of tribal communities with limited access to medical care system are dependent on traditional therapeutic resources since older folks are typically the guardians of such vanishing traditional knowledge and resources. In order to ensure sustainable usages, there is a need to systematically document the efficient use and create conservation strategies in the generation to come.