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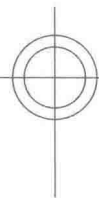
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Preface

This book is a “12th Five-Year” innovation textbook for higher education in Chinese medicine. It is the first English textbook in the field of Chemistry of Chinese Materia Medica (title from *Chinese Terms in Traditional Chinese Medicine and Pharmacy*). It is prepared on the basis of Chinese textbooks on Chemistry of Chinese Materia Medica and English books related to natural products. This book is aimed mainly at undergraduate students in Chinese Materia Medica Specialty and other related disciplines. It will also be beneficial to those engaged in pharmaceutical and plant-based industries.

This book contains 13 chapters and appendices. The first 12 chapters provide the fundamental knowledge on Chemistry of Chinese Materia Medica. The last chapter devotes to examples of 32 commonly used Chinese herbs, including brief background information, main chemical constituents, and important quality control information. Appendices contain a glossary, a list of Latin names, and abbreviations for commonly used solvents.

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