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NANOMEDICINE: FUTURE HOPE FOR INDOCHINA?

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ABSTRACT

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KEY WORD: Nanomedicine, Indochina.

INTRODUCTION

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SITUATION OF NANOMEDICINE INDOCHINA

MYANMAR

As a poor developing country, there is still no research group on nanomedicine in Myanamar. However, there is a company namely Zifam Pyrex Myanmar Co. Ltd., Yangon, Myanmar which participated in a publication in the nanomedicine field [1].

LAOS

As a poor developing country, there is still no research group on nanomedicine in Laos.

CAMBODIA

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THAILAND

In Thailand, nanomedicine has been implemented for a few years. The most famous group of investigators is the group of professor Viroj Wiwanitkit. Many international publications are from Wiwanitkit and his colleague [2 - 6]. Focusing on other active investigators, there is an interesting research group from Chulalongkorn University. There is a specific nanomedicine research center set in the Faculty of Medicine. Nevertheless, the production of this medical research center is low and not qualified as world class research group. The important fact is there is still a lack of specific professor of nanomedicine in Thailand.

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VIETNAM

With the same level of development to Thailand, there are some specific reports on nanomedicine from Vietnam [7 - 10] but there is still no specific research group or famous medical scientist from Vietnam. Different from the research group in Thailand, which usually develop the technology by their own selves, the researchers in Vietnam usually joined with more developed countries, especially for Korea in nanomedicine research.

CONCLUSION

There are very few good publications on nanomedicine from Indochina. In some countries such as Laos and Myanmar, the nanomedicine has still not yet implemented. The development of nanomedicine in Indochina still has a very long way to walk and there is a need to promote the development of nanomedicine in this area.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

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