

NEW FINDINGS OF DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

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Dissertation title: “**Study on the experimental antitumor effects of the roots of *Panax Notoginseng* (Burk.) F.H. Chen, Araliaceae) grown in Vietnam before and after steaming process**”.

Specialty: **Pharmacology - Clinical Pharmacy;**

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Summary of new findings of dissertation

1. For the first time in Vietnam, a medicinal herb available in the Northwest region of our country is the root of *Panax Notoginseng*. The unique approach is to apply the steam processing method under optimal temperature and time conditions, which produces secondary metabolites that are saponins with high biological activity. Saponins have been obtained, 2 types of high quantification have been obtained, containing high content of saponins, used as materials for experimental assessment *in vitro* against 6 cancer cell lines and *in vivo* to investigate in an experimental manner. Basic experimental anti-cancer effects using classical models, screening and evaluation of anti-cancer supportive effects. The obtained results have demonstrated outstanding effects in terms of anti-tumor effects, ability to enhance immune activity, antioxidation, induction and stimulation of programmed cell death (apoptosis) of cancer cells, in otherway, hepatoprotective and prolongation of survival in experimental animals of the NP from processed sage compared with the unprocessed type. At the same time, it is also a new contribution to improving the value of Vietnam's *Panax Notoginseng* from available raw materials, as a basis for the orientation of producing raw materials for pharmaceuticals with high potential for clinical applications to support anti-cancer in combination base therapy regimen, to reduce toxic effects of chemotherapy and/or radiation therapy.