Homeopathic Pharmacology: the Evolution of the Research in the Field since the 80’s

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Between 1970-1990 it was observed a social retake of homeopathy, its inclusion as a medical specialty and a retake of research in the field. Homeopathic pharmacology was one of the most researched areas, and it is grounded on toxicological notions of primary and secondary effects, proposing two main hypotheses to explain the mechanism of action of the homeopathic medicine, a molecular and an energetic. The present study aimed at a survey of studies on homeopathic pharmacology in Brazil since the 1980s, seeking to identify research groups, subjects of research and the issue of public/private funding. Data were collected from the Directory of Research Groups of Lattes Platform (CNPq) and selected researchers were interviewed via a semi-structured questionnaire. It is concluded that it is possible to make a survey of research lines.