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Functional bioactivity of *Polygonatum* species

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The genus *Polygonatum* species belongs to the family Liliaceae which is widely distributed over areas of the north temperature zone. There are about forty more plants of *Polygonatum* species in the world widely distributed in eastern Europe and south east Asia. The plants of *Polygonatum* species have been used not only as ornamental plants but also for their medicinal values. This article is concerned with the specific properties and flavour of the drug and its history as a medicine, showing the main functional components of *Polygonatum* species of flavonoids, steroidal glycoside, and saccharides.