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Garcia de Orta (1501-1568) was a Jewish physician who lived in Portugal as a 'New Christian'. In 1534 he fled to Goa in India, where he lived, still concealing his Jewish ancestry. In 1563 he published in Goa a book on the simples and drugs of India. The article examines whether the book contains any allusions to Orta's Jewish background.

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