Slowly progressive apraxia in Alzheimer's disease

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NEUROLOGICAL STAMP

Chaulmoogra (Hydnocarpus wightiana)

The seeds of the fruit of the chaulmoogra tree contain strongly antibacterial chemicals, two of which, hydno-
carcip and chaulmoogric acids, destroy the bacterium Mycobacterium leprae. Ancient Hindu and Chinese docu-
ments described an oil that was effective against leprosy, and it is likely that this came from the chaulmoogra tree. Only about the middle of the last century was the oil taken seriously by western physicians. It was investigated, tested, and soon imported from China but the supply was severely limited. In some places today, the ingredi-
ents of chaulmoogra oil, modified by chemists, are still used to cure early cases of leprosy, but advanced cases do not yield to the treatment.

The chaulmoogra tree is shown on a stamp issued by Fiji in 1970 (Stanley Gibbons 420, Scott 289).

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