

Editorial

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Editor-In-Chief

Dear readers and authors,

I am pleased to bring you volume 6, issue 3 of Pharmacognosy Communications. In my previous editorial, I highlighted some format changes which the journal has recently implemented, aimed at improve the presentation of each manuscript and increasing the publications exposure. In particular, Pharmacognosy Communications now includes 'Graphical Abstracts' which allow authors to provide potential readers with a quick understanding of the importance and relevance of the study. We now also include a concise 'Research Highlights' section with each manuscript. This is a short section containing 4-6 dot points that summarise the core findings of the study. We are also giving authors the opportunity to include author profiles, with or without accompanying photographs of the authors. I request that authors consider these changes and develop quality, visually appealing sections to help highlight their valuable work and to make it more readily accessible. It is through innovations such as these that we aim to increase the exposure and citation of Pharmacognosy Communications publications, and thus to build a credible impact factor for the journal.

In this issue we present 6 new original research reports examining the pharmacognosy of several important medicinal plants including reports on: the growth inhibitory activity of a *Mangifera indica* L. leaf extract against mycobacteria, as well as its immunomodulatory effects; an examination of the antifungal properties of a methanolic *Ipomoea carnea* subsp. *fistulosa* extract and isolated coumarate compounds; the inhibitory activity of extracts prepared from selected edible nuts against bacteria, *Giardia duodenalis* and several carcinoma cell lines; the ability of *Terminalia ferdinandiana* extracts to block growth of the a bacterium associated with yersiniosis; inhibition

of the growth of bacterium associated with streptococcal pharyngitis, impetigo and rheumatic heart disease by exposure to high antioxidant plant extracts; and the anticancer and antibacterial properties of *Boswellia carteri* Birdw. and *Commiphora molmol* Engl. oleo-resin solvent extractions.

Our regular features are also continued in this issue. The Janus Corner continues, with short notifications of interest to readers of Pharmacognosy Communications. I encourage all readers to get involved with this section by sending in short notifications of work that may be of interest to your fellow readers, book reviews and letters to the editor. Two more high quality medicinal plant images are also included in this issue and a listing of upcoming conferences and meetings is also included. I encourage any conference organisers who would like to publicise their event to contact me with details so they can be included in future upcoming events sections of this journal. I look forward to bringing you the next issue of Pharmacognosy Communications. Keep submitting your quality research manuscripts and reviews and consider becoming involved/submitting to the other sections (such as the Dept Review, Janus Corner etc) of the journal also. On behalf of myself and the editorial board, we look forward to bringing you the next issue of Pharmacognosy Communications in 3 months time.