

Editorial

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Dear readers and authors,

I am pleased to bring you Volume 9, Issue 2 of Pharmacognosy Communications. In this issue we present new research reports examining the pharmacognosy of several important medicinal plants including an ethnobotanical review of medicinal plants from the Ngong Forest in Kenya. This study also screened these plants against

several pathogenic diseases and determined their antioxidant contents. Two other studies examined the antibacterial properties of the Australian plant species *Callistemon linearis* Schrad. and J.C. Wendl. and *Mischarytera lauteriana* (F.M. Bailey) respectively. Similarly, another study examined the antimicrobial and antioxidant activities of *Prosopis cineraria*, an important plant in Indian medicinal systems. The final study included in this issue reports that *Piper novae-hollandiae* Miq. leaf extracts lack antibacterial activity. Whilst this is a negative result, it is interesting as closely related plant species often share similar secondary metabolites and bioactivities. Indeed, the genus *Piper* has a long history of medicinal usage in many areas of the world and many *Piper* spp. have therapeutic properties, including antibacterial bioactivities. Thus, this species was considered a good candidate for antibacterial activity screening. The publication of negative results such as this are important so that valuable time and resources are not wasted by other groups repeating these tests.

Our regular features are also continued in this issue. The Janus Corner presents 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 in 3 months' time. Keep submitting your quality research manuscripts and reviews and also consider becoming involved/submitting to the other sections (Janus Corner, Medicinal Plant Images etc.) of the journal. On behalf of the editorial board, we look forward to bringing you the next issue of Pharmacognosy Communications in 3 months' time.