

Editorial

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Dear Readers and Authors,

I am pleased to bring you Volume 9, Issue 4 of Pharmacognosy Communications. In this issue we present new research reports examining the pharmacognosy of several important medicinal plants including two

studies examining the antibacterial activity of the endemic Australian plant *Tasmannia lanceolata* (Poir.) A.C.Sm. against *Yersinia enterocolitica* and *Bacillus anthracis*. A further study reports the hematopoietic effects of *Amaranthus cruentus* L. extract on cyclophosphamide induced toxicity in rats. We also include a study reporting the isolation of the ellagitannin corilagen from *Phyllanthus maderaspatensis* L. for the first time. The final study included in this issue reports that *Cordyline rubra* Otto and A. Dietr. leaf and fruit lack antibacterial activity against a panel of human pathogens. Whilst this study reports negative results, it is important that these be published to decrease redundancy in testing between different research groups.

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.