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Dear Readers and Authors,

I am pleased to bring you volume 8, issue 2 of Pharmacognosy Communications. In this issue we present new research reports examining the pharmacognosy of several important medicinal plants including the anticancer activity of *Fagaropsis angolensis* and the antiviral activity of *Dicrocephala integrifolia* against herpes simplex type-1 virus. We also present a study which examines both the anti-giardial and anticancer properties of extracts prepared from *Terminalia ferdinandiana* kinos. Two antibacterial studies are also presented: one examining the growth inhibitory properties of *Glycyrrhiza glabra* and the other examining *Withania somnifera*. Both studies screened the respective extracts against a panel of bacteria known to induce autoimmune inflammatory diseases in genetically susceptible individuals, so may have further implications beyond antibacterial activity. Furthermore, both studies also report the ability of these extracts to potentiate the activity of conventional antibiotics in antibiotic resistant strains.

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 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.