

Editorial

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Dear readers and authors,



Volume 3, issue 2 completes the second year of publication for Pharmacognosy Communications. We are now well on our way to receiving a Thomson and Reuters impact factor following the completion of our first 3 years and are confident of receiving a credible first rating. Our manuscript submission numbers continue to increase with every issue and we aim

to continue to publish interesting, well written articles of high quality. I request that authors only submit manuscripts that have been thoroughly checked for grammar, syntax and spelling. We also aim to ensure that Pharmacognosy Communications is a highly cited and respected journal in the field of pharmacognosy and medicinal plant research. If a previously published Pharmacognosy Communications article illustrates a point in your manuscript, then it would be beneficial for the journals ranking for it to be cited instead of, or in addition to alternative citations from other sources. A high citation rating would help provide Pharmacognosy Communications with a high impact factor when this is reported following the end of the 3 year period.

In this issue we present 13 original research reports. Research studies examining the pharmacognosy of several important medicinal plants including *Solanum nigrum*, *Gongronema latifolia*, *Aloe perryi*, *Viscum album*, *Allium sativum*, *Ajuga iva*, *Pistacia lentiscus*, *Mentha pelegium*,

Matricaria camomilla, *Reutera lutea*, *Ruta montana* and *Backbousia citriodora* (lemon myrtle) are presented in this issue. Studies are also presented on the repellence properties of various plant products towards greenhouse whitefly, as well as on the effects of ethanolic plant extracts towards the two spotted spider mite and on the effects of wild rose extracts on legume aphids. The antimicrobial potential of Dominican Republic medicinal plants is also reported in this issue.

Our regular features are also continued in this issue. The Janus Corner also continues in this issue, 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 the next issue of Pharmacognosy Communications - the first issue of our third year. 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.

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