

# Editorial

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With this issue, Pharmacognosy Communications enters into its third year. We are now well on our way to receiving a Thomson and Reuters impact factor following the completion of a 3 year period. In our first two years of publication, Pharmacogn. Communications has published 8 review articles, 73 original research studies and 17 short communications at an average of 9.8 published manuscripts per issue. We strive for publication of high quality studies as is reflected but our acceptance rate, which ranges from 25–37% each year across this period (the current acceptance rate for 2013 is 37% via online submission and approximately 28% for directly mailed submissions). Furthermore, the editorial team has established a number of regular features including a medicinal plants images section and the Janus Corner (to highlight interesting and important news and research in the field of pharmacognosy) and we encourage our readers to consider contributing to these sections as well. Thus, we have established a quality journal and undertake to continue to maintain and improve this quality. This policy will ultimately benefit our authors, as we strive to establish a strong impact factor when this is calculated following the completion of our third year of publication.

In the current issue we continue with our policy of publishing quality manuscripts and bring the readers a

further 12 studies including a review of the uses, phytochemistry and pharmacology of selected Apocynaceae species. A number of studies into the antimicrobial properties of a wide variety of plants and bacteria are included in this issue: from studies into the antibacterial properties of *Teucrium polium geyrii*, 2 Australian Leptospermum species, and *Macademia integriflora*, to the antibacterial properties of *Pseudomonas* bacterial metabolites. We also include a report of the antifungal activity of *Cymbopogon citratus* against antibiotic resistant fungal strains. Other manuscripts report the antihyperglycaemic effects of a purified *Adenia lobata* lactone, and the antioxidant and hepatoprotective activities of *Corchorus depressus* and the antioxidant activity of *Betulina pendulata*. Two studies are also included reporting on the phytochemical components of *Asteracantha longifolia* and *Ipomoea carnea* respectively. This issue also continues to keep the readership informed of interesting and relevant studies from other sources, both recent and looking back into the past, in the Janus Corner. I would also like to invite the submission of short Janus Corner notifications from our readership for publication in future issues. This forum provides an opportunity to make our readership aware of important publications in other sources that may be relevant and noteworthy for their studies, to review books, websites or recent conferences, or even for letters to the editor. We look forward to receiving your submissions.

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