

# Editorial

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Dear readers and authors,

I am pleased to bring you volume 5, issue 1 of Pharmacognosy Communications. In this issue we present an extensive review examining the safe usage of herbal medicines, alone and in combination with other drugs. We also feature 7 original research reports examining the pharmacognosy of several important medicinal plants including an examination of the oil composition of Indonesian pilis (a medicine applied directly to the forehead for a variety of therapies), a pharmacognostic evaluation of Mimusops elengi flowers, a study examining the anticonvulsant and anxiolytic activity of Cassia fistula pod extracts, a report of the potential of pome-

granate juice for prolonging semen viability, a screening of Australian native fruits with high antioxidant contents for the ability to inhibit the bacterial triggers of some autoimmune diseases and an Indian study reporting on the inhibitory activity of *Mucuna pruriens* seed extracts towards hepatoma but not normal hepatic cell lines. We also present a study reporting on the toxicity of traditional Indian medicinal plants.

Our regular features are also continued in this issue. The Janus Corner continues, 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 bringing you the next issue of Pharmacognosy Communications. 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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