

Editorial

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Dear readers and authors,

With this issue, Pharmacognosy Communications enters into its fifth year. In our first 4 years of publication, Pharmacology Communications has published 14 review articles, 121 original research studies and 29 short communications at an average of 10.3 published manuscripts per issue. We strive for publication of high quality studies as is reflected but our acceptance rate, which has been approximately 35 % each year that we have published. 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.

Pharmacognosy Communications continues to grow as evidenced by the increased number of submissions received. I am pleased to be now receiving manuscripts from many geographically diverse regions of the world. In the current issue, we feature manuscripts reporting cytotoxic and cytostatic effects of *Asparagus aphyllus*, *Crataegus aronia* and *Ephedra alata*, the effects of Lavender and linalool on neurotransmission and smooth muscle contraction, the potential of high antioxidant Australian plants to treat and prevent anthrax by inhibiting the growth of *Bacillus anthracis*, the effects of *Citrullus colocynthis* and *Acacia raddiana* on phosphate and calcium crystallization, a GC-MS evaluation of the bioactive components of Indonesian pilis and a phytochemical investigation into the coumarin content of *Pituantho schloranthus*. We also feature a study on the use of indigineous plant species in bioremediation of mining sites in Mexico.

Two more high quality medicinal plant images are included in this issue as is a listing of upcoming conferences and meetings. 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 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. 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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