

## Editorial



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### Dear readers and authors,

I am pleased to bring you volume 6, issue 1 of Pharmacognosy Communications. Our manuscript submission numbers continue to increase steadily with every issue and we aim to continue to publish interesting, well written articles of high quality. As the number of manuscript submissions increases, so does the amount of work reviewing, editing and publishing each issue. Publishing a high quality journal would also not be possible without the dedication and assistance of a strong and committed editorial team. I would therefore like to take the opportunity to thank the people whose efforts make the publication of Pharmacognosy Communications possible. The journal benefits from the wealth of experience and knowledge of such a diverse editorial board, with members from diverse global regions, with broad range of research interests. I would also like to thank those who have accepted the requests to review manuscripts. A high quality journal is reliant on the quality of its peer review process, and therefore on the efforts of the reviewers.

Whilst, we have an increasing number of submissions, the editorial board and the publishers aim to maintain a rapid review process and rapid publication without lessening the quality of our publications. We are justifiably proud that we are generally able to process a manuscript through the initial editorial review process and through each review or re-review step within a couple of weeks for each phase. The outcome of this is that Pharmacognosy Communications is able to provide rapid decisions and notifications about your valuable results. We aim to maintain this rapid processing as our submission numbers increase.

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 be cited instead of, or

in addition to alternative citations from other sources. A high citation rating would help increase Pharmacognosy Communications high impact factor and establish it as a leading journal in this field of research.

In this issue we present 6 new original research reports examining the pharmacognosy of several important medicinal plants including reports on: the protective effect of a *Trichosanthes dioica* extract against gentamicin induced nephrotoxicity; the identification of flavan-3-ol isomers isolated from *Euphorbia thymifolia*; the taxonomic diversity of Algerian *Hyacinthaceae* spp. with ethnomedical uses; the growth inhibitory activity of extracts prepared from several Indian *Terminalia* spp against the zoonotic pathogen *Bacillus anthracis*. We also present a review outlining the use of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) in Russia. 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.