

## Editorial

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### Dear Readers and Authors,

I am pleased to bring you Volume 11, Issue 1 of Pharmacognosy Communications. In this issue we present new research reports

examining the pharmacognosy of several important medicinal plants including the antibacterial activity of *Astrotrichia latifolia* Benth., *Brassica oleracea* L. (kale) and *Arthrospira* spp. (spirulina) extracts. We also include a number of reviews of medicinal plants and their constituents. In particular, this issue presents reviews on the phytochemistry and medicinal properties of leek (*Allium ampeloprasum*), *Schisandra chinensis*, lychee (*Lintci chinensis*), Chinese star anise, Asafoetida (the dried latex of *Ferula* spp.), as well as on the isolated compounds huperzinea (isolated from club moss) and galactomannans and diosgenin isolated from fenugreek. Furthermore, a timely invited review on the potential of pharmacognostic preparations in combatting the current COVID-19 pandemic has been included to focus researchers attention on previous studies in this field and to highlight future areas of research. Notably, a short discussion of a recent publication that highlights the potential of pomegranate peel extracts against SARS-CoV-2 (the viral cause of COVID-19) is also included in the Janus Corner.

Our regular features are also continued in this issue. 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 in 3 months' time. Keep submitting your quality research manuscripts and reviews and also consider becoming involved/submitting to the other sections (Janus Corner, Medicinal Plant Images etc.) of the journal. On behalf of the editorial board, we look forward to bringing you the next issue of Pharmacognosy Communications in 3 months' time.