

Editorial

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Dear Readers and Authors,

I am pleased to bring you Volume 12, Issue 1 of Pharmacognosy Communications. In this issue, we present a review on the uses of mucilage for industrial processes. We also present new research reports examining the antimalarial properties and phytochemistry of *Streptomyces hygroscopicus*, the antibacterial activity of the southern African plant *Harpagophytum procumbens* (commonly known as Devil's claw) against bacterial gastrointestinal pathogens, as well as bacterial triggers of some autoimmune inflammatory diseases. We also include a study reporting the lack of antibacterial activity for *Lomandra hystrix* extracts, as well as an educational case study.

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/submitted 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.