

Author`s guide

General Description

Journal of Medicinal Plants and By-products (JMPB) is a peer-reviewed scientific journal dedicated to publish and disseminate the high quality scientific research work in the broad field of medicinal plants. Scope of the journal includes: Analytical chemistry, chemical composition, chemical synthesis, chemosystematics, agriculture, cell biology, developmental biology, microbiology, molecular biology, genetics, biochemistry, biotechnology, biodiversity, ecology, by-products and processing, marketing and bioinformatics.

To be considered as a subject for publication, the manuscript must contain information on the medicinal plants or must be directed toward furthering our knowledge of the medicinal plants.

The types of manuscripts that will be accepted for publication in JMPB are Reviews, Research Reports (full papers), Research Notes, Research Letters, Techniques and Letters-to-Editor.

The format for each of these styles is summarized as follows:

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A Review, as its name suggests, should not include any original work other than unpublished data of the author and should be a review of the literature. Reviews should be critical, have no more than two authors, and should not exceed forty typewritten pages. Reviews will generally be invited, although potential authors can submit Reviews for consideration.

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A Research Report should be a short paper describing an original research study. The manuscript should be arranged in the order: Abstract, Key Word Index, Introduction, Experimental and Results and Discussion.

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A paper that follows the format of Research Report but is less than four typewritten pages, or is obviously preliminary results, may be published as a Research Notes. A Research Note should be a brief note on the chemical composition of a medicinal plant. It should contain: Abstract (brief), Key Word Index, Plant Name (or synonymy, if important, and plant family), Source (origin of plant material), Plant Part, Previous Work, Present Work (brief description of analytical techniques used and list of components characterized).

Research Letters

A Research Letter is reserved for the publication of the IR, NMR, and MS spectra of uncommon or rare components for which there is not a published spectrum or the published spectra are obscure. The Research Letter should contain the origin of the compound, the CAS number, a comment on the purity of the compound, the conditions under which the

compound was isolated, the spectra were obtained, and the spectra. Keep the number of references to a bare minimum.

Techniques

A paper describing a technique or procedure that can be used to assist a medicinal plants scientist in any facet of his/her work can be submitted. The format for such a paper is less formal than for a Research Report because it depends on the subject matter as to how it should be represented. The technique must be fully described in an unambiguous way so that a reader can completely duplicate it.

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Instructions for Authors

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2. This result was later contradicted by Becker and Seligman [5].
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Bakkali F, Averbeck S, Averbeck D, Idaomar M. Biological effects of essential oils - A Review. *Food Chem Toxicol.* 2008;46:446-475.

Book

Rai M, Varma A. *Mycotoxins in Food, Feed and Bioweapons*, Springer-Verlag, 2010.

• Book chapter

Razzaghi-Abyaneh M, Shams-Ghahfarokhi M, Rezaee MB, Sakuda S. Natural Aflatoxin Inhibitors from Medicinal Plants. In: Rai M, Varma A (eds.) *Mycotoxins in Food, Feed and Bioweapons*, Springer-Verlag Publication, 2010, pp. 329-354.

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