

Dear colleagues,

We have prepared the first issue of the Records of Natural Products journal with the same excitement of the first day of each year. Meeting with you, our valued scientists and other valuable stakeholders is an unstoppable excitement for us every year and it is also a great source of happiness and pride.

Just as we announced for 2024, we have decided to make our editorial board members even more active this year. Expanding the editorial board team of the Records of Natural Products journal with new members, we have full faith that their valuable ideas will bring this journal to even better places in the scientific community. I am also happy to announce that our editorial board and regional editorship activities are continuing.

As part of this process, as of 2025, we have decided to publish at least one and at most two Special Issues every year as Records of Natural Products. In particular, under the leadership of our editorial board members, we have initiated a process for the publication of comprehensive and qualified "Review Article" articles in certain areas.

The first phase of this is "Lamiaceae Family: Phytochemistry, Pharmacology, Ethnopharmacology, Ethnobotany, Food and Clinical Application".

Authors have been put into practice with the subject title "Ethnobotanical properties, ethnopharmacological uses, phytochemical studies of the Lamiaceae family and their use in public or current clinical applications". Hopefully we will publish this special issue as an E-special issue in May 2025. Our work for this issue is currently continuing at full speed.

Our authors and stakeholders can always send their new special issue requests to us at info@acgps.org or directly to our editorial board members, provided that they are within the scope of the Records of Natural Products journal. The Guest Editor system will be put into operation for each special issue, and all our processes will continue by taking into account the peer review rules through our current application PAMS.

We would like to state from the outset that the COPE guide ACG PUBLICATIONS publication principles will be applied seriously in order to completely prevent plagiarism in review articles.

When making this decision, we do not aim to publish Review Article articles only to increase the impact factor of the Records of Natural Products journal. Moreover, we will continue to publish single review articles. Our main purpose here is the fact that the book chapters prepared with great effort by our authors are unfortunately not read and valued enough worldwide. In this respect, we anticipate that each special issue will be just like a book chapter and present them to the scientific community in a more visible portal allowing these comprehensive valuable studies to take the place they deserve.

In this respect, while expressing that we are always open to all kinds of suggestions and innovations from our authors and editorial board members, I would also like to thank our current board members who add value to us with this innovation.

As we always say, our main purpose is to offer an unbiased research portal to the scientific world, natural products chemistry and pharmacognosy research, and we have never stepped back. And we will not. "This is your journal, support yourself".

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