

Natural Remedies to Impotence

The basic essence of all living creatures is propagation and anything hindering this process will be of very serious concern. Although epidemiologically such hindrance is equally prevalent in men and women, the psychosocial impact of reproductive disabilities is relatively of major concern among men. Although less talked about, impotence is extensively prevalent in the society. Like in most other instances, the Mother Nature has her own answers to reproductive disorders in men. Highlighting the nature's gift to mankind to overcome impotence is the extensive review by Qureshi et al., in the current issue. Considering the escalating prevalence of impotence in men, the publication of this review is very timely. Although there are several plant sources, which have been screened as therapeutics for impotence. Considering the multi-etiological nature of impotence, the approach to therapy also needs to be combination of psychological, nutritional, pharmacological and/or surgical interventions.

Also reported in this issue are two articles highlighting the cardiovascular (Balogun et al.,) and haematological (Yakubu et al.,) toxic effects of Daniella Oliveri leaves and Fadogia agrestis stem extract respectively. Although its a general notion that plant products are safe and are devoid of side effects and some report these adverse effects to adulterants in the plant products, at times certain plant products may per se have such deleterious effects. Hence screening of plant products/extracts for such adverse effects on the general physiological parameters is imminent.

Another area of Natural Product research, which is gaining increasing attention in the recent years, is the need to develop time tested and robust purification/quantification procedures. In the present issue Rai and Mishra report simple and sensitive spectrophotometric method for the simultaneous determination of asiaticoside and wedelolactone in a polyherbal formulation. The need to develop and refine such simple techniques for several phyto-constituents is envisaged to be of immense utility in the development of poly formulations of natural products. Such refinement will not only comply with the regulatory needs but will also authenticate quality and hence people's belief and acceptance of natural product based drugs.

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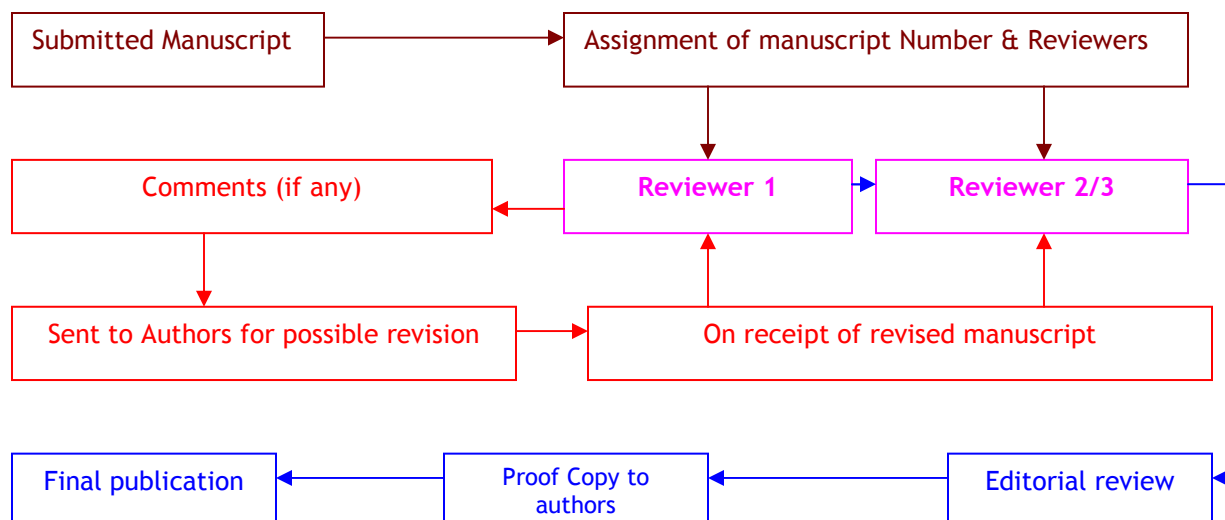
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