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PREFACE

Ethnic traditional medicine, especially traditional Chinese medicine, has been the subject of intensive research in recent decades. One of the main reasons is the promising efficacy in the treatment of a number of recalcitrant diseases. Furthermore, constituents with novel structures are an important source of inspiration for the design and synthesis of new drugs. The wide-spread usage of sophisticated methods of isolation, coupled with powerful and time-saving structural elucidation techniques, has hastened the pace of natural products research. It is therefore an opportune time to launch this new journal for the dissemination of current research results in this specific area.

The journal is planned to be chemistry oriented. Major fields to be covered are: isolation and structural elucidation of natural constituents (including those for non-medical uses), synthesis and transformation (including biosynthesis and biotransformation) of natural products, pharmacognosy, and allied topics. Biological evaluation data, briefly mentioned as part of the chemical study, are also encouraged. Initially the journal will be published as a quarterly.

The Editorial Board would like to express their gratitude to the authors for their valuable contributions. We are confident that these articles have set the standard for future issues of the journal.

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