

EDITORIAL

“The greatest discoveries of science have always been those that forced us to rethink our beliefs about the universe and our place in it.”

- Robert L. Park

Great discoveries have been made in science and many of them have been disproved over the time. The rethinking and in other terms the further research work which has been done keeps on strengthening our beliefs or show us another aspect of that belief. This rethinking in the field of medical science is very much required as it opens up new avenues not only towards the treatment aspect of a disease condition but the preventive aspect also.

In the medical research world there are lots of journals, magazines, e-journals which publish the research work done by many eminent researchers. The basic objective of all such journals is to propagate results of these researches among the professionals and even to the masses who wish to keep themselves updated with the advancements. We are highly obliged to the Chief Editor of the International Journal of High Dilution Research and also the author of the article ‘Putative protective effect of Cadmium chloride high diluted solution on LLC-PK1 cell intoxicated by high concentration of this same metal: an isopathic in vitro assay’ for permitting us to publish this article in this issue of our journal. The article reflects the protective effect of highly diluted solution of Cadmium chloride which otherwise has a toxic effect on the kidney of humans and other animals. This is a good example to show that, the substance which is harmful in crude form becomes harmless in the diluted form.

In the present issue there are many more informative and educative articles, one of them being ‘*Andrographis paniculata* - A multicentric, randomized, double-blind homoeopathic pathogenetic trial’. This article gives the information regarding the methodology followed to conduct the drug proving and also educates the readers especially the students about the new and reproved pathogenetic responses elicited by the provers. The standardization of the homoeopathic drugs is of prime importance to ensure the quality of drugs being used by the homoeopathic physicians. ‘Standardisation of Homoeopathic drug *Aquilegia vulgaris* L’, provides information about the work done in this direction.

The drugs which are standardized and symptoms which have been collected during proving become more meaningful and genuine when they are clinically verified. One of the areas of research of the Council is this as well and steps are being taken that all the drugs which are being standardized and proved should be clinically verified. The verified symptoms of the drugs need to be disseminated to the profession for a better approach in treating the patients considering the verified symptoms of that particular drug. The paper on clinical verification study of *Cassia fistula* is included in this issue. ‘A multicentre observational study to ascertain the role of homoeopathic therapy in Urolithiasis’ was concluded in January 2010. The outcome of the study in the form of an article is presented here for the readers.

There are many disease conditions which require surgical intervention as per the modern science but in Homoeopathy there is a different approach and can do miracles in such cases. In this issue, one such case of ‘Colloidal nodular goiter’ where the thyroid nodule completely disappeared is offered to boost the profession and also increase the confidence of the students as to how Homoeopathy can work wonders.

The contribution from the readers is solicited in the form of research articles, suggestions, queries related to any of the articles etc. It will also be appreciated if the readers have some rare photographs in relation to Homoeopathy which can be used for placing in the front cover inside of Council’s journal.



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