

EDITORIAL

“You can have a brilliant idea, perform a ground-breaking research and write results with great proficiency, but if the paper is not published – so that it can be cited, criticised, or praised – then the effort has been largely wasted.”

– Robert B. Taylor

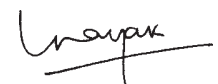
With the passage of time, the outcome of researches of today will become facts of tomorrow. The researches meeting all the norms of accuracy and plausibility leave their lasting influence over the probing minds of the younger generation of the scientists and become the foundation of newer advances and findings. Not all researches are that successful though. But as said, even a negative result is a positive result in the field of research, for it still concludes in a finding, albeit that of nullification of the hypothesis on which the research was performed. Conceiving the idea for a research and working towards a goal that could benefit the mankind at large, is in itself quite an achievement, regardless of the outcome it has. Sometimes successive failures make the journey to a successful finding more rewarding and enthralling. It is very important that the students of Homoeopathy understand this and drop their inhibitions, if any, about conducting a research. Not everyone who starts off with a research ends up with a big success story, but the outcome of small researches, done here and there, when analysed together, lead to a discernible conclusion. Sometimes the researches carried out in a standardised method carve the way for the future studies on that subject. Usually, therefore, the

efforts on a research-based study don't go in vain, and this is what a true researcher needs to bear in mind.

Hence, again, with a well-directed goal of sensitising the young minds towards research and the experienced ones towards documenting their work, the Council has prepared yet another informative issue of the journal. Inside are the articles that will grab your attention for their work and presentation. A few that I can't help mentioning are drug proving of *Pothos foetidus*, clinical verification study on *Fagopyrum esculentum*, an open clinical observational study on the usefulness of pre-defined homoeopathic medicines in the management of chronic sinusitis and a study on double blind placebo controlled trial of homoeopathic medicines in the management of withdrawal symptoms in Opium addicts and its alkaloid derivatives-dependents.

From the next issue of IJRH, the Council will also be publishing the papers of other researchers, besides its own work. I, therefore, invite our readers to send in their research-based articles, written in the pattern explained in the end pages of this issue. Being a peer-reviewed journal, your paper will be subject to the scrutiny of the reviewers, and their approval will be the chief criterion for selection of your paper.

Looking forward to receiving your contributions for the journal,



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