Aims & Scope:
Nowadays, cancer has gradually become the leading cause of death worldwide and seriously endangering the health and life of humans for a long period. It has been reported that cancer can be caused by one of the three ways namely, incorrect diet, genetic predisposition and environmental contaminants. Consistent efforts have been made to fight against this disease in the past few years as a result of advancements in cellular and molecular biology leading to the development of potent anticancer agents capable of targeting the cancerous tissues with minimal side effects. Natural products have appreciably contributed to the development of a large number of anticancer drugs. About 50% of all anticancer drugs approved internationally are either natural products or natural product mimics and were developed on the basis of the knowledge obtained from small or macromolecules existing in nature. Recently, various azole derivatives have attracted considerable attention in the field of anticancer research. Among them, derivatives are an important class of five membered nitrogen-oxygen containing heterocyclic compounds that exhibited promising anti-neoplastic properties. Viewing the importance of natural products as well as azole containing pharmacores in the field of cancer research, the present thematic issue is mainly focused on those natural products which bear azole moiety exhibiting anticancer potential. Furthermore, articles covers various pathways, influence of stereo-chemical aspects and structure activity relationship studies particularly related to anticancer activity of such compounds are most welcome.

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