**Tentative Outline**

**Special Thematic Issue for Current Drug Discovery Technologies**

**Persian medicine as a holistic therapeutic approach**

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**Aims & Scope:**

There is an increasing trend toward traditional/integrative medicine worldwide. Traditional medicine systems now have a broad presence in international medical institutions, having evolved because of different reasons such as: real public demand, student and researcher interest, increased research, local governmental or private sector support, and innovative educational programs. Persian medicine as a holistic system of medicine in the Middle East follows this trend and there is a remarkable publication rate in this field nowadays.

Now on the horizon is a novel approach to medicine which offers the broadest range of nonconventional therapies. This patient-centered system supports not only the holistic treatment of diseases but also prevention and wellbeing. It is hoped that the viewpoint offered by holistic approach will eventually convert conventional therapies by promoting patient outcomes, reducing routine patients’ costs, upgrading safety, and increasing satisfaction of the patients.

The aim and scope is to publish high quality research works in Persian medicine including review articles and mini-reviews in a special collection. The topics would focus on different herbal preparations from ethno-botanical and traditional sources covering a range of therapeutic approaches in different fields of medicine like: gastroenterology, dermatology, endocrinology, obstetrics and gynecology and so on.

**Keywords:** Persian medicine, Herbal medicine, Traditional medicine, Integrative medicine, holistic approach, complementary therapies, Unani medicine

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**Subtopics:**

The subtopics to be covered within this issue are listed below:

- Therapeutic applications of herbal preparations based on Persian medicine.
- Holistic approach in different traditional medicine systems.
- Exploring mechanism of action in different natural/herbal formulae.
- Comparison of traditional medicine systems with conventional medicine approaches.
- Reviewing effective holistic approaches for therapeutic models.

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**Schedule:**

- Manuscript submission deadline: September, 2019
- Peer Review Due: December, 2019
- Revision Due: January, 2020
- Announcement of acceptance by the Guest Editor/ Journal office: February, 2020
- Final manuscripts due: March, 2020

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