

From the editor: meeting in the universal language of science in our 19th anniversary



Dear scientists and readers,

As the *Organic Communications* team, we proudly prepare each new issue with the same excitement as with our very first issue for the last 19 years.

The first issue of 2026 represents both the change of the calendar and a new symbol of maturity and renewed vision of building a culture for the future.

Science Unites: A Shared Heritage

When I look back to 2008–2009 A significant moment stands out in my memory. At the beginning of our journey, among the very first manuscripts submitted to *Organic Communications*, one was from Palestine and another from Israel.

This coincidence demonstrates us the true mission of science: Science is universal; it has no country or homeland. Beyond the political borders, arguments and national concerns science is the most enduring bridge built for shared aspirations of humanity.

Scientists, as they have throughout history, continue to act together to carry this great heritage into the future.

We owe this to our past.

A Numerical Portrait of a 19-Year Journey

In line with this universal vision, our journal today reaches a global audience, featuring scientific contributions from 50 different countries spanning from Scandinavia to Australia. According to Web of Science data, the interest garnered by the 347 articles we have published to date is a clear indicator of our commitment to quality:

- **Global Impact:** From a journey that began with just 4 citations, we have become a point of reference, receiving over 260 citations annually in 2024 and 2025.
- **Academic Trust:** Web of Science data (as of 25.01.2026) shows that the vast majority of our 2,169 total citations (specifically 2,018) are not self-citations. A self-citation rate of only 6.7% proves how naturally and objectively our work is accepted worldwide. Articles published in *Organic Communications* have been cited in highly prestigious journals across various fields—primarily Chemistry, followed by Pharmacology, Pharmacy, Polymer Science, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Engineering, Infectious Diseases, Science and Technology, Material Science, Physics, and Environmental Sciences. This low self-citation rate is a refreshing data point in a publishing world often plagued by citation manipulation; it stands as a testament to the mutual trust between our authors, readers, and ourselves. We reaffirm our commitment to these principles and our role as a reliable pillar of the scientific community.
- **Respect for Scientific Effort:** We believe that every effort is worth sharing. We have advocated that not only successful outcomes but also honestly reported “negative results” contribute to scientific methodology and prevent other researchers from wasting time and effort. Despite this inclusive approach, we have never compromised on academic rigor. Over the past 19 years, we have maintained a high scientific standard by providing constructive criticism and declining many more studies than we published. Recognizing the Peer Review system as a tool for collective learning and growth, our principled, transparent, and accountable decision-making process remains the greatest sign of our respect for all scientific contributors.

2026: A new model

As we are getting closer to our 19th year, we are excited to share significant developments with our readers:

- i) **New Layout:** Our papers now will be more user friendly and professional; it will keep it easier for everyone to read in an efficient way.
- ii) **Continuous Publication Model:** To keep pace with the accelerating nature of scientific publishing, we are adopting a continuous publication model. Accepted manuscripts will be rapidly converted into HTML and PDF formats, assigned a DOI, and published online without waiting for the completion of an issue. XML files will also be generated for indexing databases.

Acknowledgements

Since the beginning of this road, we have supported Open Access philosophy and with this same approach we will keep distributing the knowledge without institutional barriers.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the members of our Editorial Board, to the more than one thousand authors from 50 countries who have contributed to our journal, and to our dedicated reviewers whose rigorous peer-review efforts have ensured the quality of our publications.

I wish you all a year driven by science, bringing peace and happiness to all humanity.

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