

Dear colleagues,

We are happy to publish the 1st issue of the 17th volume of the Records of Natural Products, which was one of the first open access journals in its field when it started its publication life. Afterwards, many scientific journals followed and continue to follow us due to the changing trends. Of course, ACG Publications, which is a very modest publishing house when compared to the enormous talents and budgets of major publishing houses, managed to become an accessible publication portal for world scientists during this period. Records of Natural Products, launched its publishing life with a sustainable and high-quality publishing approach like the other journals of ACG Publications without compromising on this line since the first day, which provided it with impact factors of 2.00 (JCR Impact factor indicator of 2021), and 3.6 (SCOPUS CiteScore). We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the stakeholders for their important contributions.

Some biases toward open access journals, resulting from higher education institutions of some countries, who do not want to follow changing world trends, has been in vain with the high standards of publishing criteria of many qualified publishers such as ACG Publications. As ACG Publications, we do not only struggle with so-called science managers, who have not had their share following scientific approaches and trends, but also continues to struggle with big publishing cartels, who consider great sacrifice of scientists as a mere source of profit. We would like to emphasize that only 8% of the articles submitted to the Records of Natural Products in 2021 was accepted for publication with great devotion of our authors, referees and editors, which is the most obvious indication of not compromising in quality policy.

Clarivate Analytic's scoring strategy, which has changed recently, may result in short-term reductions in impact factor values of the journals like ours, who solely rely on scientists, although we do not entirely think that they are the key criteria to the quality of the journals. In this regard, we need your support and cooperation now more than ever. Our scientists who support us should continue to increase the readability, impact and citation performances of our journal by sharing their more qualified studies with us, today and tomorrow, as it was yesterday.

We would like to thank all our stakeholders once more and hope that our 2023 issue will be an occasion for a better beginning for all of us.

This is your journal; support it, support yourself.

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