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#### Mission

To work continuously with pharmacy institutions and pharmaceutical research industries for the growth and advancement of pharmacy profession.

### ■ About the Journal

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This Journal publishes original research work, reviews, short communications, case report, ethics forum, education forum and letter to editor that contribute significantly to further the

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Materials and Methods  
Results including Tables and/or Figures  
Discussion  
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### Abstract

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	Hour	H
	Day	D
	Week	W
	Month	Mo
Year	Year	Y
Amount of substance	Mole	Mol

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Volume	cubic meter	m <sup>3</sup>
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