Foreword

Welcome to our latest edition of the School of Pharmacy Journal, a collection of publications and press releases from August to October 2016.

These three months have seen how the School has continued to progress the broad spectrum of research in pharmaceutical science, and make a positive impact in society. The 46 research papers collated in this journal evidence the work of School in the physical, health and social sciences in areas such as analytical chemistry, biomolecular sciences, signalling, polymer chemistry, tropical medicine, pharmaceutics and formulation, technique development, materials science, immunology, wound management, toxicology, and medicines adherence. As you can see from the author list our publications reflect a ‘team science’ approach to interdisciplinary work and portray the collaborative nature of our work with postgraduate students, postdoctoral researchers, research officers and academic staff across campuses all contributing to the work. Along with the Pharmacy Malaysia Campus, we welcome the talented and highly-motivated students to the School who have embarked on their PhD studies, and look forward to celebrating their success in developing their chosen field of research and their contribution to our team.

The School has run a number of activities through which we demonstrate the value and impact of our work and hopefully inspire the next generation of scientists. These included the Royal Society Summer exhibition in July, the Leonardo Da Vinci events at Nottingham Castle in September, and expansion of the School of Pharmacy After-School Science Club. We look forward to continuing these and similar activities in the future.

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  **Effect of Food Status on the Gastrointestinal Transit of Amphotericin B-Containing Solid Lipid Nanoparticles in Rats**
  Hilda Amekyeh, Nashiru Billa, Kah-Hay Yuen and Sheau Chin Sherlyn Lim.
  AAPS Pharmscitech (2016) 17, 1060-1066
  DOI: 10.1208/s12249-015-0438-2
Making Silicone Rubber Highly Resistant to Bacterial Attachment Using Thiol-ene Grafting
ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces (2016) 8, 30780-30787
DOI: 10.1021/acsami.6b10986

Controlling the Physical Dimensions of Peptide Nanotubes by Supramolecular Polymer Coassembly
ACS Nano (2016) 10, 7436-7442
DOI: 10.1021/acsnano.6b01587

Highly efficient intracellular transduction in three-dimensional gradients for programming cell fate
Hoda M. Eltaher, Jing Yang, Kevin M. Shakesheff and James E. Dixon.
Acta Biomaterialia (2016) 41, 181-192
DOI: 10.1016/j.actbio.2016.06.004

Engineering serendipity: High-throughput discovery of materials that resist bacterial attachment.
Acta Biomaterialia (2016), 1;34:84-92
DOI: 10.1016/j.actbio.2015.11.008

Dietary Fats and Pharmaceutical Lipid Excipients Increase Systemic Exposure to Orally Administered Cannabis and Cannabis-based Medicines

Probing the Relationship Between Detected Ion Intensity, Laser Fluence, and Beam Profile in Thin Film and Tissue in MALDI MSI
Rory Steven, Alan M. Race and Josephine Bunch.
Journal of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry (2016) 27, 1419-1428
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SpectralAnalysis: Software for the Masses
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Elizabeth C. Randall, Alan M. Race, Helen J. Cooper and Josephine Bunch.
Analytical Chemistry (2016) 88, 8433-8440
DOI: 10.1021/acs.analchem.5b04281

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Tooba Mahboob, Abdul-Majid Azlan, Tian-Chye Tan, Chandramathi Samudi, Shamala Devi Sekaran, Veeranoot Nissapatorn and Christophe Wiart.
Asian Pacific Journal Of Tropical Medicine (2016) 9, 844-850
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Insight into the relationship between the cell culture model, cell trafficking and siRNA silencing efficiency
Victoria Capel, Driton Vllasaliu, Peter Watts and Snow Stolnik.
Biochemical And Biophysical Research Communications (2016) 477, 260-265
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Biomacromolecules (2016) 17, 2830-2838
DOI: 10.1021/acs.biomac.6b00615

Identification of polymer surface adsorbed proteins implicated in pluripotent human embryonic stem cell expansion
DOI: 10.1039/C6BM00214E

Supporting adherence for people starting a new medication for a long-term condition through community pharmacies: a pragmatic randomised controlled trial of the New Medicine Service
PEGylation of paclitaxel largely improves its safety and anti-tumor efficacy following pulmonary delivery in a mouse model of lung carcinoma
Tian Luo, Cristina Loira-Pastoriza, Harshad Patil, Bernard Ucakar, Giulio Muccioli, Cynthia Bosquillon and Rita Vanbever.
Journal Of Controlled Release (2016) 239, 62-71
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High throughput screening for discovery of materials that control stem cell fate
Current Opinion In Solid State & Materials Science (2016) 20, 202-211
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Efficacy and Safety of Cannabidiol and Tetrahydrocannabivarin on Glycemic and Lipid Parameters in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel Group Pilot Study
Diabetes Care (2016) 39, 1777-1786
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Abigail L. Emtage, Shailes N. Mistry, Peter M. Fischer, Barrie Kellam and Charles A. Laughton
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Amphiphilic Block Copolymers From a Renewable e-decalactone Monomer: Prediction and Characterization of Micellar Core Effects on Drug Encapsulation and Release
Deepak Kakde, Vincenzo Taresco, Kuldeep K. Bansal, E. Peter Magennis, Steven M Howdle, Giuseppe Mantovani, Derek J Irvine, Cameron Alexander
Journal of Materials Chemistry B (2016) 4, 7119
DOI: 10.1039/c6tb01839d

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Lucia Podhorska, Derfogail Delcassian, Angela E. Goode, Michael Agyei, David W. McComb, Mary P. Ryan and Iain E. Dunlop.
Langmuir (2016) 32, 9216-9222
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**A Novel Hybrid Dual Analyzer SIMS Instrument for Improved Surface and 3D-Analysis**
Microscopy and Microanalysis (2016) 22 (S3), 340-341
DOI: 10.1017/S1431927616002555

**Bioengineering of the Plant Culture of Capsicum frutescens with Vanillin Synthase Gene for the Production of Vanillin**
Marcus Jenn Yang Chee, Grantley W. Lycett, Teng-Jin Khoo and Chiew Foan Chin.
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Paloma Benito-Gallo, Maria Marlow, Vanessa Zann, Peter Scholes and Pavel Gershkovich.
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Journal Of Polymer Science Part A-Polymer Chemistry (2016) 54, 2331-2336  
DOI: 10.1002/pola.28104
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Sree Vanessa Nagalingam, Kok Wai-Ling and Khoo Teng-Jin.
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The role of acid-base imbalance in statin-induced myotoxicity
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Translational Research (2016) 174, 140-160
DOI: 10.1016/j.trsl.2016.03.015
**Staff Research News**

- **Professor Morgan Alexander** gave the following invited talks:
  
  
  o The European Society for Mathematical and Theoretical Biology and the Society for Mathematical Biology, July 2016.

- **Dr Paulius Mikulskis** attended The European Society for Mathematical and Theoretical Biology and the Society for Mathematical Biology, July 2016.

- **Professor Clive Roberts** has been elected to the PhSC Executive Board.

- **Professor Cameron Alexander** has been elected Chair of EPSRC Strategic Advisory Team for Physical Sciences (August 2016).

  and invited to give talks at the following International Conferences:


- **Dr Franco Falcone** has reviewed a grant proposal for the National Centre Poland.

- **Professor Christophe Wiart** was invited to Inside Story on Aljazeera TV for an interview with Chief Medical Officers in the UK and members of the United Nations on the topic of ‘The rise of the ‘superbugs’: Is resistance futile?’

- **Professor Christophe Wiart** has signed 2 new contracts with CRC Press to write two academic publications.
Student News

- Twelve new PhD students have joined the EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council) funded Centre for Doctoral Training in Advanced Therapeutics and Nanomedicine at Nottingham and UCL London Schools of Pharmacy. The new cohort is welcomed by the Centre’s current PhD students.

- PhD student Hosam Abu Awwad presented a poster entitled “Controlled Release of GET Peptides and Enhanced Intracellular Delivery of Therapeutics” in the 7th APS (Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences) International PharmSci conference, which took place at The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland from 5th to 7th of September 2016. He was awarded the best poster presentation prize with a £100 prize.

- PhD candidate Jacqueline Hicks presented a poster entitled “Manipulating Diazonium Films on ITO for More Efficient CNT Sensors” at the UK’S Electrochem conference, University of Leicester in August. Jacqueline was awarded first prize for the best poster presentation, and she was awarded a £150 prize. This was well deserved and it highlights the high standard of work Jacqueline is currently contributing to the group.
General News

- **Professor Kevin Shakesheff, Professor Paul Williams, Elizabeth Hudson** and others attended meetings with selected MPs to discuss, for example, antimicrobial resistance. Events included 'The Future of Healthcare Technologies’, ‘Health, Life Sciences and Innovation showcase’ and ‘Developing STEM Skills of the Future,’ on 25th October 2016.

- **Professor Morgan Alexander, Ricky Wildman, Yinfeng He**, Peter Magennis and **Andrew Hook** delivered a Leonardo Study Day in Nottingham Castle on Friday 16th September 2016 for ~120 15-17 year olds. This was part of the Leonardo Da Vinci events at Nottingham Castle, focusing on what the ultimate Renaissance man might be doing in science today. The workshop “Materials for Man: from the idea to a product” was an interactive session with demonstrations to share knowledge and research. Da Vinci was an artist, court engineer, anatomist and inventor and this session illustrated how such interdisciplinary behaviour is now common place in scientific research. Using examples from their own research they showed how this modern interdisciplinary approach using medicine, biology, materials, chemistry, physics, engineering and business has led to the discovery of a new type of plastic which can be used to create products designed to reduce the instances of infections acquired in hospitals. The session received some excellent feedback from those who attended.

- Amanda Pearce (Team Leader for Drug Delivery), **Taranjit Singh, Olutoba Sanni, Professor Morgan Alexander, Andrew Hook, Paul Williams, Derek Irvine**, Professor **Cameron Alexander, Steve Howdle** and others were involved in the **Royal Society Summer Exhibition 'Plastics Inside Us'**. Visitors could handle medical implants on a full scale human body, test our model antibacterial plastic surfaces by battling against toy microbes and discover what links everyday plastics to life-saving medical devices. This took place 4th-10th July.

- The School of Pharmacy After-School Science Club, coordinated by **Dr Keith Spriggs**, has expanded the number of staff, post-grads and undergrads in the Science Club who are able to deliver a range of activities to primary school children in 6 schools in and around Nottingham. A session was delivered at Berridge School, Hyson Green, Nottingham on the scientific method Elizabeth Hudson and others (11 May 2016).