

## Special Issue

# Natural Products Discovery and Development: A Themed Issue Dedicated to Professor Leslie Gunatilaka

### Message from the Guest Editors

Professor Gunatilaka is the Director of Southwest Center for Natural Products Research and a Professor at the School of Natural Resources & Environment of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Arizona. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of London under the supervision of Prof. Derek H.R. Barton, a Nobel Laureate in Chemistry. Prior to joining the University of Arizona in 1997, he served as Professor of Organic Chemistry and chair of the Department of Chemistry at University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. His productive collaborations with national and international researchers in various fields have led to significant findings resulting in over 250 peer-reviewed publications. He has also delivered invited lectures in 17 countries. Prof. Gunatilaka is a fellow of the World Academy of Sciences and has received many honors and awards, including the Sri Lankan Presidential Gold Medal for developing a Center of Excellence in Natural Products Research at the University of Peradeniya and a Leading Edge Award for Innovative Research from the University of Arizona.

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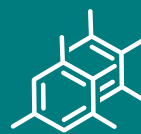
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