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We are pleased to present the February 1, 2023, Volume 10 (1) issue of Global Health Online journal.

First article is a commentary by Ms Rhea Sivakumar - who makes an impassioned case to legalize Marijuana on behalf of Gen Z. This is followed by an excellent article by Sunitha Srinivas's group on India's goals and challenges regarding its national tuberculosis elimination program.

Next comes a comprehensive review by Suleka on various adverse effects associated with different psychotropic agents. Kathewera and colleagues from Malawi share their results on availability various of turmeric formulations and their use in the region of Blantyre, Malawi. While the tools used and the results obtained from this study are straightforward - the observation that this study would contribute to an herbal medicine database of Malawi, adds to its significance. Authors find that curcumin that is widely used in various countries of Asia and have several reports supporting its efficacy to relieve pain and inflammation – has very little sales in the pharmacies of Blantyre, Malawi.

I hope all researchers, especially students embarking on a research project similarly focus on the "missing component" of the health puzzle in their community to address – it would be both personally and professionally satisfying.

Fifth article in this issue is the story of MedAux pharmacy, written by its owner and entrepreneur - Tilak Gajendran. Following a decade long career as pharmacist in Australia, he returned to India to set up the first of its kind community pharmacy. Gratifying to know his efforts are rewarded and recognized by the ever-increasing number of patients he is serving. However, if 'clinical pharmacists' are ever to be recognized as a part of a healthcare team - it is essential for PharmD students and pharmacy educators to realize that they should not be ignoring community pharmacy, as millions of patients visiting 'Medicine Shops" daily – could use their expertise!

Final article compares two different international pharmacy exchange programs that I am aware of. Both are attempting to establish greater recognition of pharmacist as a member of healthcare team across the globe.

We have now added 1000 new subscribers since the last issue of GHOL 9 (2). I certainly hope that each of you would find something useful in this issue and maybe also inspired to share your knowledge and findings with our readers in the future issue.

Sincerely, M. Chandra Sekar, R.Ph., Ph.D., FAPhA, FIPA