

Special Issue in Honor of Prof. Byung Sun Min



It is both a privilege and a profound honor to dedicate this special issue of Natural Product Sciences (NPS) to Professor Byung Sun Min of the College of Pharmacy, Daegu Catholic University. We also extend our sincere appreciation to all authors who have contributed to this commemorative issue.

Dr. Byung Sun Min was born in 1960 in Cheonan-Si, Chungcheongnam-do, Republic of Korea. He received his B.S. degree in Pharmacy from Chungnam National University in 1983. He went on to pursue his M.S. degree at KyungHee University in 1988 under the supervision of Professor Young Soo Rho. In 1994, he earned his Ph.D. in Pharmacy at Chungnam National University, where his major research focus was the development of anti-cancer drugs from plant sources under the guidance of Professor Ki Hwan Bae. Following the completion of his doctoral studies, he served as a researcher at Toyama Medical and Pharmaceutical University from 1997 to 2001. Throughout his career, Dr. Min has made significant contributions to the isolation, structural determination, and biological activity evaluation of natural products.

He joined Daegu Catholic University as a professor in September 2005. Through years of dedicated teaching and research, he achieved the rank of full professor, establishing himself as a cornerstone of the university's College of Pharmacy. He was first appointed Dean of the College of Pharmacy in 2011, serving a three-year term, and held the same position again from 2016 to 2018 and from 2024 to 2025. He also served as Director of the Drug Research and Development Center (2011-2026) and Director of the Medical Botanical Garden (2005-2025). Beyond his contributions to Daegu Catholic University, Professor Min has played a significant role in advancing the field through his active involvement in the Korean Society of Pharmacognosy. He served as Financial Director in 2006, Editorial Writer of NPS in 2008, and President in 2021. Furthermore, he has held several leadership positions, including Chairman of the Natural Drug Research Committee, Chairman of the Medicinal Herb Garden

Council, Chairman of the Pharmacognosy Professors Association, and an Executive Board Member of the Korean Society of Pharmacognosy.

He has published over 450 papers in international and domestic journals, authored five books, and holds 35 registered domestic patents. As both an educator and researcher, he has demonstrated excellence in teaching and scholarship, successfully supervising the completion of 10 doctoral dissertations and 25 master's theses. His outstanding contributions and achievements have been recognized with numerous awards and honors, including the Best Science and Technology Paper Award (2007) from the Korean Federation of Science and Technology Societies, the Best Paper Award (2014), the Hanpoong-Sangam Academic Award (2019), and the Academic Grand Prize (2022). Throughout his career, he has played a pivotal role in bridging traditional herbal medicine with modern pharmaceutical science, thereby significantly contributing to the education and training of future pharmacists.

We are deeply honored to dedicate this special issue of NPS to Professor Byung Sun Min in recognition of his exceptional contributions to pharmacy education and natural product research, and with heartfelt gratitude for his lifelong dedication to advancing science and mentoring future generations. We join in wishing him continued good health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

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