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Preface to the Fourth Edition

The subject of medicinal chemistry has grown so fast and we find developments in many areas of this subject. Even though, it is a difficult task for the author to match the pace of developments of the subject, it is a great pleasure for the author and the publisher to present this revised and updated fourth edition of the *Textbook of Medicinal Chemistry*.

The enthusiastic comments received from faculty members and student community across India, as mentioned below, have inspired me to present this fourth and updated edition of the *Textbook of Medicinal Chemistry*.

- ✦ A unique book containing updated information about medicinal chemistry by complying the revised syllabus of Pharmacy Council of India (PCI).
- ✦ This book is comprehensive with all the aspects of medicinal chemistry discussed at one place.
- ✦ It is a good companion for GPAT aspirants.
- ✦ It is a favourite book for students willing to learn medicinal chemistry.
- ✦ It is presented in an attractive and easy-to-read manner.
- ✦ It is presented in student-friendly style and approach.
- ✦ It is presented in a down-to-earth fashion avoiding unnecessary complicated details.
- ✦ This is a perfect textbook.
- ✦ It helps faculty members a lot while teaching students.
- ✦ Elegant presentation of chemical structures helping students to remember and reproduce well in examinations.

Since its first edition, in 2009, *Textbook of Medicinal Chemistry*, serves as an authentic and reliable source for the medicinal chemistry aspects of the drugs. The overwhelming response to the first edition was immediate throughout the country due to its comprehensive content (especially, the classification, synthesis and drug profile and SAR). As the number of drugs available for therapeutic use is increasing day-by-day, all the chapters have been updated with newer drugs.

New to this Edition

The major goal of the author is to provide the students of pharmacy and allied health professions with a book that not only describes the chemical aspects of drugs but also reflects pharmacological aspects that are important in the field of medicine. Following are some features of the fourth edition:

- ✦ **Updated information provided** and complied with the revised PCI syllabus.
- ✦ **Attractive layout and design.**
- ✦ **Physicochemical parameters** have been explained with further information and two new chapters—Protein Binding of Drugs and Biotransformation or Metabolism of Drugs—are added under the section Physicochemical Factors in Relation to Biological Activity of Drugs.

- ✦ **New topics** like Pharmacophore Modelling, Docking and Antisense Technology are added under the section Drug Design.
- ✦ **Based on PCI syllabus, new topics** like Drugs Used in Congestive Cardiac Failure, Thyroid and Antithyroid Drugs, Antiscabies and Antipedicular Agents, Preservatives and Diagnostic Agents are introduced.
- ✦ **Several newer drugs** are incorporated in different chapters.
- ✦ **PCI syllabus-based classification of drugs** is provided for easy to study and write in examination.

I hope this new edition of the *Textbook of Medicinal Chemistry* will be welcomed by the teachers and students of pharmacy, pharmaceutical chemistry, chemistry and the related fields. You are most welcome with your valuable feedback to authoralagarsamy@gmail.com.

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Preface to the First Edition

Medicinal chemistry emerged as a specialized area due to the development in chemistry and biology, hence it is considered as a highly interdisciplinary science combining a wide variety of subjects such as organic chemistry, pharmacology, biochemistry, toxicology, pharmacognosy, molecular biology, genomics, proteomics, computational chemistry, physical chemistry and statistics. Now, the growth of medicinal chemistry has reached a stage where the activity-guided synthesis of compounds is possible rather than screening of synthesized compounds for different biological activities. This field also penetrates into the areas of gene therapy and biochemistry-based virtual drug receptors with the help of computer-aided molecular modelling techniques.

This book is an upshot of my vision to discover the best book on medicinal chemistry, which deals about the concise description of diseases, clear classification of drugs with their chemical structures, synthesis of each drug with different routes, mode of action, metabolism, physical and pharmacological properties along with their therapeutic uses, assay technique, dose, official dosage forms and summary of structure–activity relationship (SAR) studies. Swathing the entire features of medicinal chemistry, first of its kind, is the unique feature of this book. It facilitates the students to understand the subject more easily and interestingly.

While writing this book, I felt that the book will bring about a re-orientation in the teaching and learning process of medicinal chemistry. Academic community in India is faced with scarcity of books to cater to their needs. Numerous foreign writers' books deal well about basics and pharmacological aspects related to medicinal chemistry, but lack two major requirements, i.e. synthesis and clear classification of drugs used. Some Indian authors filled this lacuna to a certain extent by including the synthesis, but failed to give a clear classification of drugs with their chemical structure. For this, the content of this book has been carefully tailored to cater to the needs of the academicians belonging to all Indian universities, pharmacologists, clinical and industrial pharmacists by incorporating the missing links between general synthetic organic chemistry and medicinal chemistry.

This *Textbook of Medicinal Chemistry* is presented in two volumes. Volume I consists of six sections. The first section is devoted to the physicochemical properties and their relation to biological activities and the second section provides the framework of drug design, which together form the basic aspects of medicinal chemistry. The remaining sections, III to VI, deal with chemical, pharmacological, biochemical and toxicological aspects of organic medicinal compounds used in various diseases associated with different systems of the human body such as CNS, ANS, CVS and urinary system.

We hope that this special volume will be a good source of information and reference for not only graduate and postgraduate students but also basic and applied researchers in this field. Moreover, it will also be of interest to a wide range of scientists, including organic chemists, biochemists, pharmacologists and clinicians, who are interested in drug research. I welcome suggestions and constructive criticism from all corners of scientific community.

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