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**International Journal of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (IJMAP)** is English language, open access, peer-reviewed, online, quarterly, research journal that promotes the exchange of knowledge and research in the following areas:

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