Preface

Among all the medicinal plants growing around the world, some species have attracted a great concern due to their capability of producing a broad spectrum of bioactive natural products as well as their evidence-based pharmacological activities. *Satureja* (trivial name: Savory) belongs to the Lamiaceae family as one of those mentioned plants. This genus comprises about 200 species worldwide, which are mostly aromatic herbs and shrubs with numerous therapeutic effects representing considerable diversity in their chemical composition and biological properties as well as medicinal effects. Although we can find a few review articles or books (mainly in non-English language) to include some species of this genus, there is no comprehensive book or review especially to gather all the useful information on “ethnomedicine and traditional usage; microscopic characterizations; chemical diversity; pharmacology and biological activities.” The authors of the present book have been involved in different studies on various species of this genus, growing in Iran, for many years, and published several research articles thereof. Therefore, we believe this is a suitable time to publish a comprehensive book on Iranian species of *Satureja* to conclude most of the above mentioned aspects.

Researchers in the field of pharmaceutical sciences and natural medicines, pharmaceutical companies who produce herbal/natural products, students in the field of pharmacognosy and phytochemistry, academic scientists in the mentioned fields, as well as those who work on the areas of traditional medicine and pharmacy might be interested in getting botanical, morphological, pharmacological and phytochemical information about these valuable medicinal species, which is concluded briefly in the present book.

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