

## **Editorial Comments**

This issue of the African Journal of Medicine and medical Sciences consists of interesting articles that as usual cover many areas of clinical and laboratory medicine.

There are eight original articles. These include gynaecological morbidities in adolescents in Ibadan, Adjustable maintenance dosing with budesonide/formoterol turbuhaler in bronchial asthma, Antibiotic susceptibility pattern of urinary tract pathogens and Perception and management of cancers among the Yoruba.

Others are Diagnosis made on tuberculosis lymphadenitis by fine needle aspiration, Systemic Thromboembolism in Endomyocardial Fibrosis, Age at diagnosis of sickle cell disease and Pathological characterization of colorectal polyps.

There are four review papers on Diabetic retinopathy, HIV/AIDS epidemic in Nigeria, Recurrent pregnancy loss and antiphospholipid syndrome and Bias: a review of current understanding.

Many interesting findings are packaged into the paper by Oyetunde which reports the perception of cancer among the Yoruba in Ibadan and it would appear that there is preference for hospital treatment despite the high cost to patient and family and other problems associated with access to healthcare. In another paper on antibiotic susceptibility in urinary tract pathogens, Dada-Adegbola and Muili discussed the impact of increasing resistance to known antibiotic drugs, because of poor control of prescription of these drugs in Nigeria. Adelowo and Adetoro reviewed the literature on pregnancy loss and antiphospholipid syndrome; they stated that this is an overlooked association which has implication for infertility in particular and maternal health in general. About the most stimulating paper is one by Adebisi on Bias: a review of current understanding. I believe this is a must read for anyone pretending to be or is actually interested in research. He warns researchers to abstain from “torturing” data in order to obtain a p-value.

From March 2011, changes will be made to submission of articles to AJMMS. Though review articles will still be welcome, the journal will be selective in publishing review articles, instead experts in respective fields will be commissioned to write state of the art papers on specific subjects.

Authors will now be required at submission to state if their article is a review or original research. Also with effect from March 2011, abstract or summary will be structured.

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