



## INFORMATION TO CONTRIBUTORS AND READERS

**N**IGERIAN Journal of Dermatologists, NJD, is a forum for communication of research results and policy issues in the health sciences especially as related to dermatology and allied sciences, Plastic Surgery, Venereology, Pathology, Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry.

The journal is dedicated to serving primarily scientists in Africa and other developing countries outside the continent who seek a medium for publishing their research findings. Since science is global, articles would be welcome from every geographical location across the world.

There are pressing and specific problems related to Africa and to people of coloured skin. Ainhum, acne keloidalis are examples of two of a long list of cutaneous diseases peculiar to the sub region and waiting for research by the basic sciences; gratifying modalities of treatment are equally awaited.

The editorial board will therefore give priority to the development and promotion of such cutaneous health issues.

**Frequency of publication:** Quarterly.

**Content format:** Each issue will contain essentially the following sections, with variants where necessary:

- i. A short editorial statement on policy issues not more than two thousand words, placed not necessarily on the first page.
- ii. A short review (not more than five thousand words) titled "Perspective" on a current topical issue in Dermatology.
- iii. One or two review articles by invitation or on application.
- iv. Peer reviewed articles by invitation or on application.
- v. Letters to the editor.
- vi. News about, and on, African health and related matters.

**Research papers** should be composed of the following in that order, clearly typed in double space:

- i. Title, which should be short and specific.
- ii. Full names of all the authors, qualifications and affiliations of each, and full address of each author. (Qualifications of authors are only required for purposes of Editor's use and not for publication).
- iii. Name and address of the corresponding author and his/her phone/fax numbers (home & office).
- iv. Sources of financial support, if any.
- v. Summary of not more than 200 words as well as three to four key words.
- vi. Introduction.
- vii. Materials and methods.
- viii. Results.
- ix. Discussion
- x. Conclusion
- xi. Acknowledgments — placed immediately after the next, and before the references
- xii. Citations and references will be arranged according to the Vancouver Style:

### A. Citation of Periodicals

Kofi-Tsekpo WM and Karekezi CW. Detectability and measurability of amoscinate in plasma by TLC and HPLC. *Drugs under Experimental and Clinical Research*. 1988; 14: 31-37.

Watkins WM, Howells RE, Brandling-Bennet AD and Koech DK. In vitro susceptibility of Plasmodium falciparum isolates from Jilore, Kenya to antimalarial drugs. *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*. 1987; 37: 445-451.

### B. Citation of Books

Ole Fijerskov, Firoze Manji and Vibeke Baellum, eds. Dental fluorosis Handbook for health workers. Copenhagen: Munksgaard, 1988 p.

### C. Citation of Chapters in books

Same as (B) above.

### D. References

in the body of text should be in chronological order and identified by roman numerals in brackets: e.g. Specific point mutations in ..... naturally resistant laboratory isolates of P. Falciparum [4, 5]



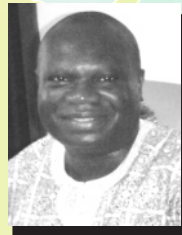
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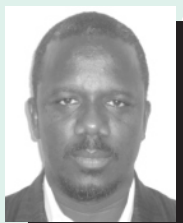
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### F. Short Communications

This should possess all the elements of scientific communication as research papers, but without abstracts and subheadings and with not more than 500 words and 5 references.

### G. Submission of paper to the Journal

Anyone who submits a paper for publication must provide the following:

- i. A letter of submission electronically.
- ii. Manuscript created using a word-processing program in PC format is encouraged. This is submitted electronically. Two hard copies of the peer reviewed, corrected manuscript will be sent over by the corresponding author to the editorial

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- vi. A letter of acceptance will be sent once the above stages have been complied with. ■



# Editor's Comments



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**B**EING an editor for a new journal and for a sub specialty that is yet to find its feet in a developing nation can be a daunting task. The main reason for the desire to publish in established journals (often based in developed countries) is the bearing it has on the rating of academic promotion in the tertiary institutions.

The journal has had many 'still births' regarding its editions. The editorial board however remains undaunted and will continue to encourage dermatologists and other scientists until the Nigerian Journal of Dermatology (NJD) becomes a veritable medium for communication of research results and policy issues in the health sciences especially as related to dermatology and allied sciences, Plastic Surgery, Venereology, Pathology, Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry.

Nigerian Journal of Dermatology, thus, seeks to encourage contributions that will truly meet the challenges and needs in the sub region. Hopefully, some practical solutions and advices will be proffered during the 6<sup>th</sup> Scientific conference in Ibadan which has as its theme:

### ***"Challenges in the Practice of Dermatology in West Africa"***

In the maiden edition of the N.J.D, there was a promise that a section of the journal will be created in each edition to be daubed '*Down to Earth*' to highlight some practical solutions and innovations. With increasing sophistication in the West African sub-region and better income, the demand for aesthetic dermatology is increasing. While Laser therapy remains costly and generally unavailable, low-tech, cheaper and readily available practices can be offered.

The experience in the use of sand paper for dermabrasion is being published in this edition.

The sub-theme for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of Nigerian Association of Dermatologists slated for June 2012 is "*Aesthetic Dermatology*". Hopefully, the conference will provide the spectrum of high-tech and more readily available modalities of treatment available in developing countries as well as possible low-tech adaptations or available, and affordable practices like cosmetic masking for vitiligo and other hypo-pigmentry conditions.

Members of the editorial board have been very helpful. I also wish to thank others who have been approached to help review articles at short notices.

*'Kunle George*