Nigerian Journal of DERMATOLOGY

INFORMATION TO CONTRIBUTORS AND READERS

Nigerian 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 (Qualifications of authors are only required for purposes of Editor's use and not for publication).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 amoscanate 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]

E. Figures, Charts & Pictures

Figure legends and tables should be professionally done. Tables/charts should be in black and white - 100 mm (minimum) and 175 mm (maximum). Coloured pictures may be submitted. Such pictures should be very clear and in size 5 x 7 inches. Where digital pictures are submitted, they should be in jpeg or bitmap format and not less than 300dpi resolution. Unclear and blurred pictures will be rejected. The publisher also reserves the right to convert coloured plates to grayscale where necessary.

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 assistant, Regina Faleye MS, at the editorial office in the Department of Medicine, University College Hospital, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria

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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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It has been a great challenge in the past year in Nigeria with the preparation for the General elections. The nation's socioeconomic climate and the security lapses have all had adverse effect on everyone including the practice of Medicine.

Our association has not been spared from this National challenge. We can however breathe a sigh of relief and thank God that the election has passed by with minimal loss of lives and our nationhood still intact - with a successful change of government and a Head of State that promises a better future for Nigeria and her people.

The Nigerian Journal of Dermatology still has its chronic and recurring problem superimposed on the national issues. It has been difficult to get articles for publications. It still amazes me that despite the large number of interesting scientific papers presented at the last conference in Lagos, many of such have not been converted and prepared for publication. There remains a large body of information peculiar or common to the practice of Dermatology in this environment. Such information need to be put on paper and disseminated.

The 9th Scientific and Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Association of Dermatologists comes up from the 15th to the 19th of September, 2015 in Abuja. Abuja – a beautiful city is the seat of Government in Nigeria. The main theme is "Skin Manifestations of Internal Diseases". The sub-themes include:

— Management of hyper pigmentation
— New trends in acne management
— Allergy testing –how relevant
— Dermatologic surgery
— Dermatopathology

The local organizing committee is promising a very exciting and learning environment where Nigerian, UK, USA and South African Dermatologists and resource persons would converge for what is sure to be a very productive meeting. Resource persons include:

Prof Olaniyi Onayemi from Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital, Ile-Ife, Nigeria, Dr Ayman El –Attar, Derma Laser center, New Jersey, U.S.A, Dr Noufal Raboobee Skin Tech Dermatological Solution, South Africa and Dr Abba Alkali, St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospital, NHS Trust, U.K

The Special Guest of Honour for the opening ceremony is Mrs. Aisha Buhari, wife of the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I remain grateful for those who have risen to the challenge and sent in manuscripts thus making this edition a reality.

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