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The African Journal of Laboratory Haematology and Transfusion Science (AJLHTS) was first published in May, 2022 and will be two years in April, 2024. Within these two years, the journal has maintained consistency in publishing four issues a year, gained international recognition and visibility, maintained good quality practices and passed the Journal Publishing Practices Standards (JPPS) with one star rating. The AJLHTS is Crossref indexed and each article is assigned a unique DOI number that will help your reader to easily locate your paper from your citation. The journal is also indexed in google scholar and continues to be the leading journal in haematology and blood transfusion science in Africa.

Within this short period, AJLHTS has published forty-six (46) articles, all fully indexed in Crossref and AJOL. We have received six (6) (13.0%) articles from other African countries (Lome, Sudan, Guinea, Cote d'voire, Ghana and Madagascar). This is very commendable and a fulfilment of one of the objectives of the journal; to disseminate research outputs in haematology and blood transfusion science from Africa to the rest of the world.

In this era of automation, a lot of scientists find it confusing to interpret the various histograms displayed by the auto haematology analysers. A good interpretation of the histograms provides a wealth of information on many haematological conditions than mere cell counts, helping to narrow down the differential diagnosis at a very early stage even before higher level investigations are ordered. The enigma surrounding these figures generated by the machines have been unravelled in this issue of the journal by Duku-Takyi et al. The

information conveyed in this paper is vital to the haematology scientist that it is a highly recommended reading to all.

This issue of the journal also contains an interesting systematic review on the trajectory of haptoglobin in haemolysis, inflammation and transfusion reaction by Ihua et al.,. Haptoglobin is of high clinical relevance even though not given the proper attention it deserves. This review serves as an eye opener to the various roles haptoglobin plays in the body.

Akwiwu et al reported selected indicators of immunothrombosis in apparently healthy Nigerian pregnant women of different reproductive status. Their findings indicate that these indicators were significantly higher in the premenopausal than the postmenopausal women. In a similar study, the prevalence of anaemia and iron requirement in pregnant women of different reproductive status was determined and discussed. It was concluded in their study that the prevalence of anaemia and iron requirement was lower in postmenopausal than premenopausal men.

There are still other interesting research findings published in this issue of volume 3 of the AJLHTS that are of benefit to students, lecturers and practitioners. You are invited to submit your quality research findings to AJLHTS and you will be glad you did.

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