



# Nigerian Journal of DERMATOLOGY

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 (Qualifications of authors are only required for purposes of Editor's use and not for publication).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

### **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
- iii. Written permission from authors whose copyright material has been used in the manuscript.
- iv. Informed consent from authors whose photographs have been used.
- v. Copyright statement as follows:

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

The past few months commencing from January 2020 have been very challenging in Nigeria and the entire world.

All aspects of life have been affected. The nature of teaching in Medical institutions as well as the conduct of medical/clinical consultations has also undergone radical changes.

A few words have crept into the medical dictionary such as *maskne* for the acneiform eruption related to the face masks.

The annual Nigerian Association of Dermatologists (NAD) conference planned for June 2020 in Abuja the nation's capital was cancelled due to COVID-19.

The annual General Meeting (AGM) hopefully will take place by Webinar at the end of October 2020.

The Nigerian Journal of Dermatology (NJD) has also been impacted and slowed down in pace to get manuscripts as well as the plan to get the journal running on line.

The registration fee for a domain has been paid but training of editorial personnel has been affected during the pandemic.

The editorial board is putting heads together to reposition the journal to conform with the new "normal".

Following the last edition of NJD there have been landmark social events like the celebration of the 90th birthday of the revered "Great grandfather" of Dermatology in Nigeria, as well as the demise of a member of NAD's Board of Trustees. Another prominent member of the association was lost to death in April 2020. A non-dermatologist but a great friend and key financial supporter of the association went the same way in June 2020.

We hope and pray for a peaceful and joyful ending to the year 2020.