



Nigerian Journal of DERMATOLOGY



INFORMATION TO CONTRIBUTORS AND READERS

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 (Qualifications of authors are only required for purposes of Editor's use and not for publication).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

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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.

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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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The elections have come and have been concluded. The task of rebuilding the social and economic life of the country has commenced. The serious challenges in the country regarding fuel shortages and electricity power cuts have not spared the practice of dermatology.

The 9th Annual scientific conference and Annual general meeting of the Nigerian Association of Dermatologist took place at **Ladi Kwali Conference Hall, Sheraton Abuja Hotel** in the Federal capital territory Abuja (FCT) from 15th to 19th September 2015. The annual conference traditionally took place in June. The preconference took place in the form of Dermatological surgery workshop. The venue was the National Hospital Abuja. The preconference sessions focused on Biopsy techniques, Suturing techniques, treatment of vitiligo, acne, keloid and warts. Electro-surgery, Procedures on the nail and Cryotherapy were demonstrated to attendees by the resource person, Dr. Raboobee from South Africa.

Interesting and relevant papers were presented at the conference. Despite the quality and the high number of papers presented, it would appear that the situation in the nation has slowed down or caused some lethargy which has affected the ability to sit down and convert some of these lovely presentations to papers. On the positive side, a few more people have been invited into the editorial board to improve the quality of the journal. Two of these were sponsored to a two-day writers' workshop in

Abuja. There still 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 African Society of Dermatology and Venereology (ASDV) will converge in Abuja, Mid July this year for its inaugural meeting. This is planned to hold alongside the 10th Scientific Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Association of Dermatologists (NAD) - which also doubles as the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Association. It is the desire of the editorial board to bring out an anniversary edition to be released soon after the conference.

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