

## LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

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And now we come to the end of another busy year; in our calendar, it was the seventh year of Ibnosina Journal of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. In these 7 years, we have published 39 issues covering 1906 pages. We maintained a variety of original articles, case reports, quizzes, reviews, clinical, academic and occasionally political viewpoints and editorials and we maintained a consistent publications dates. In the first issue, we made a pledge that we reaffirmed repeatedly thereafter. We made a commitment to produce a journal of high quality, peer-reviewed, open access, free for authors and extra support to starting authors coming from the developing world. 7 years later, we are pleased that we have maintained that pledges that we made.

We are so grateful to all authors, reviewers, copy editors, and proofreaders for their trust and support. It takes a village to produce one article. We wholeheartedly appreciate all authors who entrusted us with their research

data and thoughtful opinions, especially those who work under non-ideal circumstances but they still pursue the path of research and medical writing.

When it comes to the reviewers, it is certainly vital to rely on a good group of reviewers who critically appraise the manuscripts and come up with a non-issued conclusion about the scientific merit of the submitted manuscripts. It is not an easy task. All are busy taking care of their clinical duties, electronic detailed medical documentation, consents, correspondence, committees, promotion concerns, and stealing time to volunteers and review. Reviewing manuscripts is a pure volunteering work. In this world obsessed with scrutinizing productivity, academic governance and time management accountability, many reviewers have very limited time to do peer reviewing as but it is our commitment to support the peer review process currently viewed a core principle for credible scientific publishing. We are extremely grateful for our reviewers; we

owe our quality assurance to their contribution. A personal big thank you to each and every one of you.

At the editorial office of the journal, we are strongly committed to train new reviewers. We do not know how other journals may do it. However, the way we decided to go about this is by sending submitted manuscripts to a few experienced reviewers to inform the editorial decision and meet the peer-review criterion but in the same time and at least one inexperienced reviewer for training purposes. We also like to thank our trainee reviewers for their efforts and commitment.

Though the journal has already been indexed by many indexing services IJMBS is a peer reviewed journal and has maintained strict adherence to its peer review policy. The journal is indexed in several reputable listing including International Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Google Scholar, EBSCO, Scirus, LMI, Open-J-Gate, Open Archives Harvester, Ulrichs Directory, Socolar and Journal seek over the years as listed on the website, this year (2015) witnessed the landmark move of submitting our application to be indexed by PubMed/Medline database which is, of course, still viewed as a quality and status defining feature by many authorities and authors alike. We have invariably conducted our editorial practice by “PubMed” standards and we will persevere steadfast on the same path. Consequently, we are fairly optimistic to have a positive verdict, but we can only wait and see.

Finally, we hope 2016 to be a productive year for all with more saving of human life and relief of human suffering, prosperity, justice and peace.