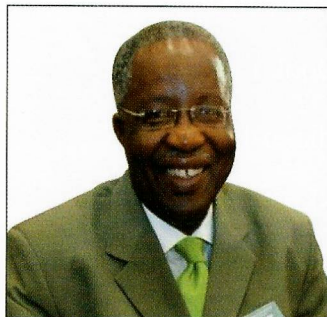


Editorial

Welcome message from the Editor-in-chief

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We welcome authors, reviewers and readers to the first issue of Health Sciences Investigations (HSI) Journal. The HSI Journal is a peer reviewed, open access platform for reporting original research in basic and clinical health sciences including medicine, biomedicine, pharmacy, nursing, physical therapy, medical laboratory science, environmental health, public health, medical imaging and radiologic technologies and other health disciplines. The goal of the Journal is to reach the global community, especially those in resource-limited regions, with on-line open access publications on health sciences at no cost to authors and readers.

In this first editorial, I want to underline the outstanding work our team has done, and will continue to do, to ensure we meet the expectations of our international audience to produce impactful publications. The emergence of HSI Journal of the College of Health Sciences is the natural outcome of the rapid evolution of the University of Ghana as a premier research-intensive institution. It is evident that much has been done, but more requires to be done.

In order to set the scene for publishing in HSI Journal, this premiere edition is specially devoted to the past, present, and to plans in hand for the many future developments in all aspects of health science disciplines. The aim of our selection of articles in this maiden issue is to acquaint our audience with ways in which the magnitude of problems that engulf us are being tackled.

There are unique states of affairs which create experimental situations that merit observation and documentation. At HSI Journal, we believe that results of our present endeavours are significant contribution of science to the many health problems that beset the global world. In this respect, the HSI Journal will play a pivotal role in providing platforms for sharing of experiences and knowledge among global communities.

The Journal has a team of committed and experienced team comprising 22 editors, 11 editorial advisory board members and 9 international advisory board working together to create a culture of excellence.

The HSI Journal welcomes original articles and emphasizes that authors apply methodological rigour in the preparation of manuscripts. We recommend standard guidelines such as STARD (diagnostic accuracy), STROBE (observational epidemiology), PRISMA (Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses), and CONSORT (parallel-group randomised controlled trials); details are freely available through the EQUATOR network (Enhancing the Quality and Transparency Of health Research; www.equator-network.org). The Journal will also publish policy statements from invited authors. Peer review, an explicit appraisal process, is a vital component of our assessment. High-quality articles are selected by a rigorous and fair process. We seek prompt turnaround times and an overall respectful and professional engagement with all authors.

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