



Editorial

Welcome message from the Editor-in-chief

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It is with much pleasure that I welcome you to volume 3 issue 1 of the Health Sciences Investigations Journal. The Journal remains committed to reaching the global biomedical and clinical communities by being accredited (in the not-too-distant future) by African Journal OnLine, Scopus and Pub Med Journal Libraries. Despite the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the HSI Journal has made and continues to make tremendous strides in the publication of manuscripts submitted to the editorial office for consideration. This is attested by the number and quality of research articles in this volume. The clinical images section of penile amputation in a child

brings to attention the tragic case of employing the services of a traditional circumciser (widely referred to as wanzam in the Hausa dialect) in circumcision and other penile surgical procedures. Unfortunately, we still have a sizable proportion of the population who engaged in the services of wanzam and such practices should not be ignored. Another article is the association between early onset of childhood paid work activity and future adult health status in Ghana. The findings of the study indicate that entering the labour market at an early age consistently hinders future adult health with a high incidence of chronic diseases and disabilities. In this issue, we also present data on the epidemiology of body mass index (BMI) among Ghanaians (18-49 years and 50 years and older) using the WHO Study on Global Ageing and Adult Health Wave 2. The prevalence of obesity among adult Ghanaians 18 years and above is 12.9%. Understanding the epidemiology of BMI in Ghana is key for developing programmes and/or strategies to achieve the WHO Prevention and Control of Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases in Ghana. I am greatly indebted to the hardworking Technical Team, Editorial Board Members and Reviewers covering all related topics. I am also grateful to the Advisory Board, Authors and Publishers. Once again, I welcome suggestions, complaints, discussions and thoughts from authors and readers to help us improve and maintain high standards

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About the Editor-in-chief

Professor Andrew Anthony Adjei is a Professor of Immunology with over thirty years of biomedical and allied health sciences training and research experience. He is a Fellow of the following: Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences (FGA), African Academy of Sciences (AAS), Ghana Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists (GAMLS) and African Sciences Institute (ASI). Professor Adjei has been Head of Department, University of Ghana (UG) School of Biomedical and Allied Health Sciences, Deputy Provost, College of Health Sciences (CHS), Director of Research, Innovation and Development (UG), Acting Director, Institutional Research and Planning Office (UG), Coordinator of Research, University of Ghana Medical School (UGMS), Editor-in-Chief, Ghana Journal of Allied Health Sciences, President of Ghana Association of Medical Laboratory Scientists, Project Coordinator, Transdisciplinary Training for Resource Efficiency and Climate Change Adaptation in Africa, Project Coordinator, Building Stronger Universities (Partnership between UG and Universities in Denmark), Project Coordinator, Fogarty Global Health Fellows Training Programme (Partnership between UGMS and University of Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia, USA), and Project Coordinator, Minority in Health Research Training (Partnership between UGMS and University of Morehouse School of Medicine). Professor Adjei was the immediate past Coordinator of the Worldwide Universities Network and the Australia-Africa Universities Network. Currently, he is the Chairman of the following: Ethics and Protocol Review Committee, CHS Public Lecture Series and Scientific Conference Planning Committee, CHS Newsletter (In Focus), CHS Library Refurbishment Committee, Member of Korle Bu Teaching Hospital Institutional Review Board and the Coordinator, MPhil programme in Immunology, at the Department of Pathology, UGMS. Professor Adjei is a reviewer of several clinical and biomedical Journals globally. He has served on various UGMS and UG committees and currently serves on both the UG and CHS Academic Boards.