Welcome message from the Editor-in-chief

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We welcome authors, reviewers, and the general readership of the HSI Journal to Volume 4 Issue 1. The journal continues to publish interesting must-read articles that have contents tailored towards improvement in several fields within the health sciences. This will provide the needed ingredients for evidence-based practice. We strive towards improving the quality of the journal as we come out with one issue after the other. In this issue of the HSI Journal, we have featured ten articles comprising eight original research articles and two medical case reports. These peer-reviewed articles cover a myriad of topical issues in the health sciences with a wide spread over several cross-cutting topics. With each passing day, we continue to receive manuscripts from around the world which brings variety to our publications and we are very grateful to all authors for their contribution. The HSI Journal continues to make giant strides. We are indexed on African Journal Online (AJOL) and have received approval to initiate indexing publications on Elsevier’s research databases, including Scopus and Embase. The entire editorial team is elated that this issue of the HSI Journal has been published. We look forward to the next issue which promises to be a notch higher in terms of quality as we continue to strive towards perfection and to improve upon the impact of our journals. To our cherished readers, we look forward to receiving more quality manuscripts from you. We would be grateful if you could help us promote HSI Journal to other scientists and health professionals. We believe that HSI Journal is a valuable resource for the health sciences community, and we would be honoured if you would consider it as a preferred place for publishing and reading scientific works.

Thank you

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