



Editorial

Welcome message from the Editor-in-chief



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It gives me great pleasure to welcome readers to Volume 7, Issue 2 of the *Health Sciences Investigations (HSI) Journal*. Over the past five years, the Journal has matured into a vibrant platform for evidence generation and scholarly work exchange across multiple disciplines in the health sciences. Each new issue reflects our commitment to rigorous inquiry, editorial integrity, and regional leadership in health science research publishing.

This edition showcases 14 peer-reviewed contributions—including 11 original research and three review papers—that span methodological innovations, system-level assessments, and clinical-epidemiological studies. The contribution “*Progress and challenges in implementation of the WHO Special Initiative on Mental Health in Ghana (2019–2023): a narrative review*” is highlighted as the Editor’s Choice for this issue. The paper provides assessments of Ghana’s progress toward integrating mental-health services into routine care and underscores both the achievements made and the persistent challenges in governance, financing, and service delivery issues central to national and regional mental-health reform.

Among the featured works in this issue is “*Eighty-one years of research on congenital toxoplasmosis: a bibliometric analysis*,” which traces global research patterns on this congenital infection and highlights shifts in scientific focus over time. Other noteworthy studies include “*Traumatic amputations in a Ghanaian tertiary hospital over a six-year period: a retrospective study*,” which provides data on trauma management and rehabilitation outcomes. Another, “*Alcohol consumption and subjective well-being in Ghana: evidence from the WHO’s Study on Global Ageing and Adult Health*,” explores behavioural factors influencing quality of life. In addition, “*Preparedness of health facilities and their midwives for emergency obstetric and neonatal care services in Accra, Ghana: a multicenter cross-sectional study*,” assesses system-level readiness to manage maternal and newborn emergencies and identifies key areas for improving service delivery. We invite readers to explore this edition and engage with the evidence presented. We welcome feedback on the published articles and suggestions for further improving the *HSI Journal*.

We extend sincere appreciation to all authors, reviewers, and members of the Editorial and Technical Teams for their diligence and expertise. The *HSI Journal* remains devoted to advancing high-quality research dissemination and amplifying African scholarship within the global scientific community.

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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.