

Editor's notes

The Journal of Nigerian Optometric Association (JNOA) is an official journal of the Nigerian Optometric Association (NOA). It is an editorially-independent, peer-reviewed journal that aims to promote the vision and the mission of the association through research. It also provides a platform for the advancement of the optometry practice in Nigeria and beyond. The July edition of the journal is usually a conference edition but because of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic the conference was moved to next year. This issue is therefore a special pandemic edition of the journal.

In this issue, I will like to note the passing of Prof Olalekan Oduntan a member of the editorial team and Prof Frank Iwuagwu, the immediate past editor-in-chief of the journal. Their death shocked and saddened all of us.

This issue features an editorial and several articles on various areas in optometry and eye health. Dr Ozy Okonokhua, President of the Nigerian Optometric Association graciously wrote the editorial of this 22nd edition of the journal on Reality in a pandemic. In this issue, Ojo *et al*, compared spectral transmission of right and left porcine crystalline lens with increase in post-mortem interval at room temperature. The prevalence of refractive errors and intention to use prescription glasses regularly among secondary school students in Ogijo Community, Ogun State, Nigeria was conducted by Osayamwem and Amosu, while Aham-onyebuchi and Atulomah analysed the psycho-cognitive predictors of eye healthcare seeking behaviours among secondary school students in South-West Nigeria. Also, in this issue, Ike *et al* presented the baseline information on the demographics of low vision in Niger State, Nigeria which could be the basis for the planning of low vision services in the State. Hassan *et al*, presented an interesting case report on accommodative-convergence mechanism failure in HIV-positive non presbyopic patients on highly active anti-retroviral therapy.

Finally, approaches to constantly improve on the quality of the journal are evolving, in other to attain high impact factor, which is our ultimate objective. We, therefore, invite submission of high-quality research and editorials on unique issues of public health importance in vision health which can improve optometry practice and enhance quality eye care services to end users.

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