

EDITORIAL

A NEW DAWN WITH TROPICAL JOURNAL OF OBSTETRICS GYNAECOLOGY

Recent advances bring about changing ideas and practices in most disciplines and cultures. Technological advances and research with evolution of evidenced based results have considerably changed management in Obstetrics and Gynaecological practice worldwide; with tendency towards embracing new ideas that will have maximal impact on the care of patients. Acceptability of new concepts and assessment of impact of new evidence and procedures are indeed bringing about multifaceted positive outcomes in deliverables in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, particularly in the area of maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality and reproductive health in tropical Sub-Saharan Africa. Experiences from Obstetrics and Gynaecological research are quite wide and most often, the contents of these research do not quite reach colleagues within the shores of tropical Sub-Saharan Africa to make the desired impact in these countries, let alone beyond.

It is on this note that our Journal the Tropical Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology will cease to be published in Nigeria by the end of April 2016. The President and the entire council of SOGON had directed the Editorial Board to transfer the publication of the Journal to MEDKNOW publication and Media PVT. Ltd. (now called Wolters Kluwer (India) PVT. Ltd) of India to bring about the desired changes and transformation in the journal for a more appropriate international outlook, indexing, improved quality, and better financing. It is gratifying to note that the journal has finalized arrangement with Wolters Kluwer of India to take over the publication of TJOG from August 2016. To this end, considerable changes have been made in the journal Editorial board. Also, the number of issues a year have now increased from 2 to 3 (April, August and December), and the front page cover design will change from the second issue volume 33 issue 2, August 2016 to be produced by Wolters – Kluwer.

This edition volume 33 issue 1 January-April 2016 reports and highlights important subject matters in Obstetrics such as, the prevalence of Hypocalcemia in pregnancy and puerperium, effectiveness of

hyoscine butyl bromide in shortening the first stage of labour and Twin Anaemia – polycythemia sequence (TAP) with correction of severe anaemia in the donor twin by transfusion of blood evacuated from the recipient polycythemic Twin.

Similarly, the Gynaecology segment features well designed studies on Jadelle Subdermal contraceptive and Emergency Contraception from the Northern and South Western Nigeria respectively and time of symptoms to health-seeking among cervical cancer patients in Ibadan, South West Nigeria.

All these articles have brought new evidence-based facts to the door steps of Obstetrician – Gynaecologist in Nigeria to further improve practice and management. I specially recommend these topics and many others in this edition to all stakeholders in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Nigeria. Indeed TJOG is witnessing a new dawn.

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