

Editorial

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Editor's choice: You are very welcome to this June 2022 issue of *African Health Sciences* in which the authors have contributed high quality papers relevant to health in Africa and the diaspora. This issue has four main themes: infections (1-25); *non communicable diseases* (26-44); *sexual reproductive health +child health* (45-66); and *others* 67-82. Clearly quite a diverse and large collection of scientific papers. Why large? Well, because we have had a backlog, largely due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Here we look at some of the themes in this issue.

Infections: We have 25 papers in this section including *Moringa* adjunct therapy to HAART¹; loss to follow up among HIV infected people²; HIV and colorectal cancer³; HIV self-testing in Kenya and Tanzania^{4,5}; and adherence to HIV⁶. The infectious disease theme continues with papers on Covid-19 in several African countries on very specific aspects⁷⁻⁹. Then we have articles on human papilloma virus¹⁰⁻¹¹; hepatitis B¹² and acute flaccid paralysis¹³. Others are on *Helicobacter pylori*¹⁴⁻¹⁵; beta lactamase¹⁶; tuberculosis¹⁷⁻²⁰ and malaria²¹⁻²³. We end this section with papers on nematodes²⁴ and hydatidosis²⁵.

Non communicable diseases: This theme is quite diverse. It includes: cardiovascular disease²⁶⁻³¹; cancer³²⁻³⁸. The rest include: kidney disease³⁹⁻⁴⁰; foreign bodies in the esophagus and liver cirrhosis⁴¹⁻⁴²; and GI endoscopy⁴³⁻⁴⁴.

Sexual reproductive health +child health (45-66); This sub-theme includes articles on menstruation⁴⁵, male sex hormones⁴⁶, erectile dysfunction⁴⁷; use of aphrodisiacs⁴⁸ intergenerational sexual relationships⁴⁹; and thyroid function and infertility⁵⁰. It also includes papers on teenage pregnancy⁵¹⁻⁵² and adolescent child bearing⁵³. We then have articles on pre-eclampsia⁵⁴; child birth⁵⁵; maternal mortality⁵⁶⁻⁵⁷; and caesarean section⁵⁸. The child group includes papers on birth asphyxia⁵⁹; neonatal jaundice⁶⁰

exclusive breast-feeding⁶¹⁻⁶²; umbilical cord granuloma⁶³, cerebral palsy⁶⁴⁻⁶⁵ and depression⁶⁶.

Others: this contains papers on low back pain⁶⁷; musculoskeletal disorder among dentists⁶⁸; and traditional bone setting in Cameroon⁶⁹. There are radiology papers⁷⁰⁻⁷²; community health workers⁷³⁻⁷⁵ and a heterogeneous group of papers including dental implants⁷⁶; renal cysts⁷⁷; bearing loss⁷⁸ biometrics⁷⁹; medicinal plants⁸⁰ and a review of NCDs⁸¹ and thromboembolism⁸². Quite a journey!

Thank you: It only remains for us to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the readers, authors, reviewers, collaborative partners, editorial team and all those who have, in one way or another, contributed to the growth and sustenance of *African Health Sciences* since its very humble beginning. That we have now attained an **impact factor of 1.108** up from 0.927 is testimony to the dedication and commitment of individuals and collaborative partners as we strive to uplift publication of science relevant to Africa and the diaspora. Thank you very much and enjoy this June 2022 issue of *African Health Sciences*. Thank you!

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