

AJLHTS: KEEPING PACE WITH JPPS

The announcement by African Journals online (AJOL) that the African Journal of Laboratory Haematology and Transfusion Science (AJLHTS) has passed the Journal Publishing and Practices Standards (JPPS) and has been rated as a ONE STAR journal came as a heart warming news and indeed very exhilarating considering the age of the journal.

As we may all know, the greatest challenge to local journals is how to get locally generated research and knowledge aimed at addressing local issues visible and accessible internationally. To achieve this, journal publishing must conform to international standards by adhering to the JPPS framework. JPPS is a project established and managed by AJOL and International Network for Advancing Science and Policy (INASP). Journal evaluated by JPPS framework provides assurance that the journal has met international standards and is so recognized.

Of the 216 journals in the health category on AJOL platform, only the African Journal of Laboratory Haematology and Transfusion Science is dedicated to publishing articles in the Haematology and Blood Transfusion Science disciplines.

First published in May 2022, the African Journal of Laboratory Haematology and Transfusion Science has been consistent in publishing four issues in a year i.e March, June, September and December. Within this short two years span, the journal has undergone JPPS assessment and passed. Consequently, the journal has been rated ONE STAR meaning that the journal has met the basic requirements for at least two years and thus became one of the 199 journals on AJOL platform with ONE STAR rating

Within this period also, the journal has been registered and indexed with Crossref and has been assigned unique Digital Object Identifiers (DOI) numbers on every articles published. The journal is also awaiting the evaluation outcomes of Clarivate (Web of Science), Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and JSTOR for possible inclusion in their databases.

Having attained this regional and international recognition, it is the journal's desire to remain compliant to the JPPS guidelines and work harder to improve on the achievement so far recorded in order to earn double or triple star rating during the next evaluation exercise. Authors who have quality manuscripts within the scope of this journal are free to submit them to this open access journal for wider visibility and international accessibility through the website www.ajlhtsonline.org or by email attachment to editorialassistant.ajlhts@hbtssn.org.

Instruction for Authors are available on the journal website; www.ajlhtsonline.org or AJOL AJLHTS page on <https://www.ajol.info/index.php/ajlhts>.

I sincerely use this medium to congratulate the Editor-in-Chief, the entire editorial team, reviewers, the authors and entire reading public for this monumental achievement.

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