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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 mission of the association through evidence-base. It also provides a platform for the advancement of the optometry practice in Nigeria and beyond. This current edition is tailored to the 2022 optometry conference titled: *Leveraging partnerships to transform optometry and eye care in West Africa*.

JNOA has just instituted a group of world-renowned researchers to direct the next phase of the journal ensuring rigorous, quality and sound scientific publications. In this first issue of 2022, volume 24 edition, the journal will feature articles that were reviewed by the new board of editors showcasing the diverse skills in scientific and clinical topics of interest within the profession.

The aim of the editorial by Osuagwu (Senior Lecturer at Western Sydney University) and Emenike, a practicing Optometrist in Nigeria and a writer, is to raise awareness on the abuse of Chloroquine (CQ) tablet and its analogues, their ocular implication with respect to chloroquine retinopathy among Africans during the COVID-19 pandemic. The experience of managers of private optometry practice during the COVID-19 pandemic in Nigeria was narrated by *Oghosa W. Osayamwen in a qualitative study*. In this issue, Akpan *et al* in a prevalence study of presbyopia reported on the high unmet spectacle need, which may be useful for planning eye care services in Cross River State, while *Awurum Franca* narrated an interesting clinical case that demonstrated how the Traumatic Globe Rupture was managed effectively.

Also in this issue, Ike and Adam presented the Socio-demographic and driving characteristics associated with visual standards for driving among mass transit drivers in Abuja, Nigeria. Muoneke *et al* compared the antibiotic susceptibilities of Isolates from eye swabs of babies delivered through spontaneous vaginal and caesarean section deliveries.

For the upcoming edition of Journal, **Volume 24, Issue Number 2, 2022**, the Editorial Board of the Journal of the Nigerian Optometric Association cordially invite researchers/authors to submit original research reports, review articles, case reports and short communications, conference, seminar and workshop reports, etc for consideration for publication. There is also a special call for Expression of interest from young optometrists/health practitioners interested in research and publication to reach out to us for guidance.

The edition, first since reconstitution of the board, truly has improved and has something for everyone and we do hope you will enjoy reading it and be once more enthused to apply the knowledge in your practice. Approaches to constantly improve on the quality of the journal are evolving.

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