

Editor's Perspectives

The Journal of the Nigerian Optometric Association (JNOA) is a double-blinded peer-reviewed journal with its editorial team serving as the first clean-up station before articles are sent to external assessors. The back and forth involved in getting articles articulate enough to be sent to an external/expert assessor involves rigorous checks for originality, soundness, and compliance with recommended instructions to authors.

As a newly appointed editor-in-chief of this journal, I was inundated with the receipt of many manuscript submissions that unfortunately did not survive the scrutiny involved in the review process for the following reasons:

- Plagiarism.
- Submission of manuscripts written, not as journal articles, but lifted from projects/theses with many irrelevant sections featuring.
- Poor clarity of presentation of introduction, literature review, discussion and conclusion.
- Poor experimental design/methodology of study or review articles that were not in consonance with the title.
- Re-presentation of results in the discussion section without addressing findings.
- Poor method/absence of statistical analysis.

JNOA is read by optometrists, health practitioners, scholars, and policymakers and if the articles are not literary enough, they may not be remembered even when well designed. The key to a good article lies in its conciseness, clarity, a lack of digression from the topic and high content of academic knowledge and excellence. We would like articles published in the journal to be good enough for citations to increase the journal's worth and visibility; increased visibility leads to high impact factor and rating of the journal. This is achievable.

The following resources are guides to writing good manuscripts:

1. Syed Sameer Aga and Saniya Nissar. Essential guide to manuscript writing for academic dummies: an editor's perspective. *Biochem Res Int.* 2022; 2022: 1492058.
doi: 10.1155/2022/1492058
2. <https://plos.org/resource/how-to-write-conclusions/>

We urge all authors to do better while writing articles for submission to the JNOA.

The present 26th edition of JNOA comprises original articles, reviews, and case reports spanning many areas concerning eye and vision care. Of specific interest is a cross-sectional study to determine factors associated with readership of the JNOA whose recommendations the editorial team shall strive to work on in order to improve the quality of our articles, increase readership and citations and subsequently impact factor.

All publications in the JNOA are available at the journal website: www.noajournal.org and African Journals Online website: www.ajol.info/index.php/jnoa

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