



EDITORIAL

As we launch the first issue of this year with twenty (20) peer reviewed articles, it is important to draw the attention of both authors to some critical issues. Since after the Nigerian Journal of Technology was accepted for indexing in Scopus in September 2024, the number of submissions we receive has grown exponentially. Within the first quarter of this year, we have received exactly 252 articles which translates to three (3) articles per day. However, we are unable to process most of the submissions due to lack of adherence to the author's guide which has been uploaded to our website. In fact, about 95% of all articles we receive are rejected at desk. The most common reasons for desk reject include a high similarity index, poor quality of presentation, violation of page limits and off-scope submissions. Authors stand a greater chance of having their papers accepted for peer review if they comply strictly with the authors' guide. Each paper rejected at desk is treated as a new submission when re-submitted by the authors thus unnecessarily prolonging the processing time. Hence, authors would be doing themselves a lot of good if their manuscripts are painstakingly prepared in accordance with the provided guidelines. We desire to process as much submissions as possible, but authors have to show sufficient commitment to their own works. A cursory glance at some submissions usually betrays a lack of confidence and commitment on the part of the authors. A poorly written manuscript is of little interest to anyone no matter the depth of research carried out. A well-written article does not only help the reputation of the Journal but it also speaks volumes about the author(s). Hence, we urge authors to brace up and put in more efforts into their manuscripts in order to increase the chances of acceptance.

Happy Easter!

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