

## Editorial

Dear reader,

2020 has been a sad year for the journal. Our beloved former Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Jean Bosco Gahutu passed away untimely and unexpectedly. In addition, shortly after, we lost our dear Associate Editor Prof. Pierre-Claver Kayumba. Both were esteemed colleagues who were at the top of their careers. Prof Gahutu was Professor in Infectious Disease and Director of Research and Innovation at the College of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Rwanda. Prof. Pierre-Claver Kayumba was Professor in Pharmacy and chairman of Board at Rwanda Medical Supply Ltd. We remember them, we thank them for their service and we dedicate this issue in their memory.

In this issue, we feature a DHS-based secondary data analysis paper on the environmental and nutritional determinants and we also look at the socio-demographic determinants of Diarrhoea Disease for under-5's in Rwanda; we look at the link between parental family violence and mental health; we look at the relationship between sperm quality and male reproductive hormones for men with fertility complications; we feature an insightful qualitative study on how psychiatric patients experience seclusion during admission in KwaZulu Natal; we present a personal view on how the stay-at-home measures impacted on the spread of COVID-19 in East Africa; and we present a scoping review study on the impact of maternal periodontitis on preterm birth and low birth weight and we have an interesting contribution from dentistry on the prevalence of Periodontitis and associated factors in pregnant women.

As you can see, COVID-19 has not halted the production of ambitious and relevant research in Rwanda. We thank all authors for their important contributions. COVID-19 is disrupting lots of the ongoing research in Rwanda, as elsewhere, but it is important to also keep working and make progress in all other areas of health research.

I take this occasion, as the new Editor-in-Chief and in the name of the entire editorial team and reviewers, to confirm to you our commitment to continue running this journal with the highest professional standards that my predecessor has put in place. We will continue to publish high quality research from Rwanda and the wider region and will remain a prime resource for information on key health research in Rwanda.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year with a lot of success in your research efforts and all other aspects of your life.

Sincerely,



Stefan Jansen, PhD.

Editor-in-Chief