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Despite the challenges, the Journal continues to be a great channel of research.

The UDSIJJ is in the process of being indexed by the African Journals Online (AJOL) platform so as to enhance visibility of the publications. As an open access journal, UDSIJJ is committed to ensuring immediate and full open access to its research publications across disciplines and therefore continue to encourage submissions from early career researchers.

We strongly advice that authors pay critical attention to the journal's guidelines before submission and also be patient with the review process as the editorial team are competent experts and these interferences are unnecessary.

We would also like to acknowledge all who made time to review the articles published in this issue. Your sacrifice is deeply appreciated and we hope you would not hesitate to be of service as and when the need arises.

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