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AJDM: our evolving journal

This is the second edition of *AJDM* (the *Africa Journal of Diabetes Medicine*), which has evolved from *Diabetes International*.

In this issue, we are beginning a new plan for our selection of articles. Whilst we will continue to mainly publish original research papers from Africa, we will now publish occasional material (probably no more than one paper per issue) that has been published elsewhere. The reason for this is that increasingly, good research and review articles from and/or about African diabetes are being published in European or American journals difficult to access by African doctors.

There are a number of reasons for this but a major one is worldwide pressure for clinical researchers to publish their work in the most prestigious journal possible. This means one with a high 'impact factor', and this effectively excludes many or most African medical journals.

The first republished article is in this issue, and is a major review of diabetes in sub-Saharan Africa, published last year in the journal *Diabetologia*. This is an academic and highly respected European diabetes journal, but as discussed above, the article will have been missed by most 'grass-roots' African clinicians dealing with diabetes. I had the pleasure of co-authoring this paper, with a group of highly respected colleagues – Professor Jean-Caude Mbanya from Cameroon, Dr Kaushik Ramaiya from Tanzania, and Professor Solomon Tesfaye (from Ethiopia and now in Sheffield, UK).

We hope our readers will find this new development helpful. Again I would emphasise that the majority of articles will still be original practical work from Africa, and *AJDM* encourages you to send us contributions. We welcome reviews, original material, short reports, and case reports. Full submission details are given, as usual, at the back of this issue.

Feedback on our journal and its development (either positive or negative!) will be most welcome.

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