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Change! Change!! Change!!!

There is the popular saying that the only constant thing in this world is change so whether you want it or not, change is gonna come. Change can be in different dimensions. Change could herald a progression from what is, to newer ways of doing things. COVID-19 landed and produced various levels of change, some that are still with us till now. Zoom and online classes are a ready example for this. The ongoing innovations through artificial intelligence (AI) such as via ChatGPT, CoPilot and other platforms are also very much with us. Another dimension of change is when there is a recycling (for want of a better word) of old practices in the new age. There have been several iterations of change in various industries – music, fashion, research outcomes, new discoveries for old agents, etc. The recent discussion around change of the national anthem back to the ‘Nigeria, We Hail Thee’ anthem is another iteration. All these go to show that we cannot afford to bury our heads in the sand and imagine that whatever comes around will not affect us. Ask the photo industry, the extinct phones and jobs that have been swept away when the powerful winds of change began to blow. Even in investment, there was a time that treasury bills (TB) and such were a veritable means of enhancing your residual income but in today’s Nigeria, the interest on these bills is no longer what it used to be. So, keeping your money in TB’s is now considered losing money. Finally, another dimension of change I wish to highlight in this piece is the fact that personal change will also come. Irrespective of your level right now, there is always a newer level around the corner if you are committed to putting in the work. If you do not decide to throw in the towel and give up. You may be that researcher who has had your article rejected in so many places and you are thinking its time to give up. Don’t. There will always be something new in the future if you choose to keep reaching out. Take all the reviews on board to improve the quality of the article and send it elsewhere – from international to regional to national – just don’t give up. The truth is that if you ask many of the accomplished authors you admire today, they will tell you their stories which may not be too different from what you are currently experiencing. Change will

come, The Ph.D. will get finished. The articles will get published. The teaching will be understood by the learners. Your growth and improvement will come.

As a researcher, innovation and change should be our middle names. There was a time that solo authorship was the name of the game, with reviewers at the time convinced that articles authored by one person is more original than those with multiple authors. This is no longer the case in most industries so if as a researcher, you are yet to create a research team made up of professionals in other specialties that relate to your work in addition to your mentees and students, you are slowly becoming an antique piece. You need to sit down and identify specialties that would enhance your work and cultivate relationships that will help you create this team. For instance, a medical professional into drug development would need to have a clinical pharmacist, specialist pharmacist on pharmaceutical technology, a public health professional, a statistician, probably an engineer and a social scientist in his/her team to look at issues of acceptability, clinical trials, dosage form, delivery systems, modeling and analysis, etc. related to the proposed new drug. This is necessary for the various fields of research to ensure an appropriate team is in place to critically review the methodology to ensure all aspects are well covered.

There was also a time when the focus was just to find any journal to publish your work. In today's world, you need to be extremely careful not to publish in predatory journals. Predatory journals are those journals whose sole purpose is to just collect the article processing fees for your article without adding any value in terms of review and improvement of your research output. They are basically a money-making venture. Publishing in peer-reviewed journals like the Journal of Basic and Social Pharmacy Research will not only get your articles out there, but there will also be levels of review and improvement to your work, so the final outcome is better than when you submitted it. We continue to thank authors that have been submitting their articles to our journal and look forward to many more authors both within and outside Nigeria.

On that note, I welcome you to the 13th edition of JBSPR. We had some internal issues in 2023 and were unable to get the complete numbers of issues out but we are grateful that things have turned around, and we are now on course. We thank our reviewers for their excellent job of reviewing articles submitted to the journal and enabling us to publish only good quality work. We request authors of rejected articles to not be discouraged but take it as another point on their learning curve and so should take the learnings and return to the writing board for greater output. The commitment of our reviewers to helping us to have thoroughly furnished articles is not taken

for granted at all. Please accept this token shout-out from us to you. The list of reviewers can be seen immediately after this editorial.

As a reminder, we continue to be open to receiving letters to the editor or editorial pieces which can be sent to the journal for appropriate processing. We also welcome responses or comments to any of the issues raised in any of the editorials which can help us to initiate a blog post. These can also be sent via email.

Thank you and have a great day.

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