

Sudanese Journal of Public Health: Comments on the First Issue

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First, one should congratulate the editors of the SJPH for their fruitful and meticulous efforts in producing a really an excellent publication, of good contents and smart ‘phenotype’, comparable to the reputable regional scientific journals. The good quality paper (and papers), the printing style (the suitable font and spaces), the charming cover, the few spelling and printing mistakes, the clear specification of the objectives of the Journals all stood as ‘signs’ on an efficient editorial effort. Nevertheless I would like to raise some comments

- A page number of 90 seem adequate, especially in absence of advertising material.
- There is a good variation in types of articles (original articles, review articles, case records...etc.

- The first issue ignored to some extent the emerging non-communicable diseases.
- Some authors used pretty old material.
- Some articles did not follow the Vancouver’s style in writing the references.
- Adding sections on history of medicine in Sudan, quizzes, personal experiences might be valuable.
- The few previous scientific journals in our country died of the ‘One Syndrome’: one volume, one issue and then dies. The financial deficits are the leading cause of this high ‘neonatal mortality’. Working “paperlessly” with “electronization” of all the editorial processes from articles submission to the galley proofs is of some use. Charging the authors some fees to meet the editorial processes might provide some help.

