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Electronic innovation and readership

The *Cardiovascular Journal of Africa (CVJAfrica)* has updated its electronic presence with a modern website to provide for quick and easy access to the Journal's contents and services. Importantly, for narrow-band users in developing regions, the Journal has ensured that access to its articles is direct to text in compact PDFs.

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The challenge for all e-based, independent journals is how to ensure sufficient financial support. We have reluctantly introduced a modest (\$50) submission fee to help us cover the significant costs of Editorial Manager; the well-known and highly regarded Aries manuscript submission system. Many open-access journals such as those in BioMedCentral charge a \$1 000 author submission fee.

The *CVJAfrica* focus is to publish quality research articles in the field of vascular disease. We thank our authors, reviewers and editors across the country for their support of the Journal's activities.

AJ Brink
Editor-in-Chief

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