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Dr. Ezechi has presented over 60 papers at various local and international and has over 50 publications in local and international peer reviewed journal. He is the Editor of Nigerian Journal of Clinical and Biomedical Research, Lead guest editor of Journal of pregnancy specially issue on HIV, TB and malaria in pregnancy and guest editor of reproductive system and sexual disorders. He is a reviewer to The Lancet, International Journal of Medicine and Medical Sciences, Women Health, BMC pregnancy and childbirth, Journal of Medicine and Medical sciences, The Journal of AIDS and HIV Research (JAHR), International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Annals of Medical and Health Sciences etc. He has facilitated 10 ethics and research training/workshops in the last 5 years for researchers, medical doctors and ethics committees.

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