

## Hypothesis Based on 200 Editorial Invitations to a Third World Scientist, Each Citing His Specific Works during 4 Years

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### ABSTRACT

A hypothesis is derived from 200 editorial invitations showing precise recognition of a West African scientist's output. They are deemed to be worthy of addition to the scientometrics literature.

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### INTRODUCTION

A personal experience in my West African base is that from August 16, 2014 to August 12, 2018, 200 Editorial Invitations arrived here each with special references to my individual published works (1-200). The Journals involved are cited in *italics* while my works are printed in **bold** letters. The canvass painted deserves documentation for equally worldwide scientific exposure.

### MULTIPLES APPROACHES

Early in the series (10-19), *Anatomy and Physiology: Current Research* on a single day cited my works dealing with metastatic melanoma, macrodactyly, toe polydactyly, molecular variant of albino skin cancer as well as a therapy of worldwide end of it, uterine procidentia in a girl, together with confirmation of abdominal paragonimius, circumcision and penile circumcision in addition to epidermoid cysts, ending with the epidemiology of Wilms tumor.

On another day (74,75), *Nessa Journal of Forensic Science* cited requested for the medico-legal dictum of Tait in 1883 as well as the anatomical mapping of the liver with melanoma metastasis according to historical method.

Towards the end of the series (198,199), *Kenkyu Journal of Epidemiology & Community Medicine* wished for Paget's disease of the breast in West Africa and Middle East as well as uterine cervical liposarcoma.

### HISTORY

Incidentally, the *Journal of Plant Studies* solicited an article from me (201), I was able to contribute an article on how adroitly the medical masters of yester years used plant materials in their measurements (202). Be it noted that, eventually, this plant-based article was appreciated by 9 Editors (44, 47, 54, 84, 87, 94, 103, 125, 139).

Incidentally, as I documented (203), an old major point of contention even made Virchow himself to stumble. It concerned the important detail of the passage of cancer cells through the pulmonary circulation. Interestingly, my historical explanation of it was repeatedly drawn attention to by several Editors (9, 37, 55, 64, 78, 79, 98, 135, 156, and 193).

There was also one way of advancing knowledge. Thus, I demonstrated some "early" dates during which notable events occurred. They included the description of neuroblastoma in 1815 (111), the autopsy tracing of the pancreatic duct using cancer cells in 1876 (112), the case of liver puncture in the 1880s (159), and the recognition of carcinosarcoma in 1883 (73, 189).

An important issue is breast self-examination. Its history was illumined in that family doctors were shown to have played a preventive role (32). Such a preventive role was also shown in not misunderstanding how cancer spreads to the trachea (49).

## GEOGRAPHY

Epidemiology comes in here. There are special publications covering it such as Wilms tumor (19,186), umbilical endometriosis (28), skull metastases of thyroid carcinoma in Japan and Nigeria (33), breast cancer in Swedish and Nigerian women (53), and mammary Paget's disease in West Africa and the Middle East (65, 157, 185, 198). Of course, the important thing is that different Journals cited them.

Curiously, the articles on the toe commanded attention. They appeared not only as macrodactyly singly (11) but also as polydactyly numerously (15, 67, 96, 106, 153, 176).

Another geographical bonus, as it were, is the albino skin. Sun beating results, in general, to cancer, e.g., even on the eyelids (179). Indeed, I have hopefully hypothesized that this cancer will certainly cease "if a community's cancer surveillance program is successful" (12,29,161). Furthermore, I have argued that, just as chimney sweepers' cancer of the scrotum ended when legislation debarred boys from such deadly sweeping in Britain, the same will cease in the tropics, if legislation ensures the statutory employment of albinos **indoors** (204). Indeed, I am persuaded that albinism cancer requires worldwide confirmatory epidemiological research (41).

My research also drew attention to the special histological type called the adenocystic carcinoma (43,48).

Turning away from albino cancer, we go to its opposite, namely, the melanoma. The old beauty of the melanoma was that its color was sufficient to identify it, especially even before the microscope era. Although I published 18 articles on its spread to all parts of the body, I discovered that up to 11 of the citations singled out the pancreas (88, 114, 116, 123, 126, 138, 141, 147, 162, 166, 169). On searching the Journals involved, I discovered their variety as well.

Moreover, several other papers cropped up due to this special color. I refer to the spread to the gastrointestinal tract (10), the adrenal glands repeatedly (40,128,180), the anatomical mapping of the liver (27,75), and the spleen (80).

Epidemiology also crept in elsewhere. It did so as regards the neurofibroma in infancy and childhood (146). Also to be noted especially is incidental appendectomy at colectomy for cancer (109,155,175).

Cysts are lowly looking entities but of geographical importance, seeing that they could unfortunately be other than benign. In the penis, circumcision preceded them as was not only published by (i) *Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology* (20) (ii) *Trauma and Acute Care* (24) but also (iii) *Anaesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Management* (178). Where they attract alarming attention is in the breast. This was documented surprisingly in *Chronicle of Pharmaceutical Science* (60) and nicely in *Journal of Cell Biology and Histology* (71).

The elegantly named "sacrocoxygeal teratoma" also surfaced. Each example appeared in the appropriately named "Case Reports" Section of their distinct Journals during such particularly close 2018 January dates as the 19th (101), the 22nd (102) and the 29th (182).

A rare site of melanoma is the finger (68,81). Incidentally, that of the foot has been questioned as to its preventability (127,181).

A rarity was the lipoma obstructing the small intestine (173). Also, the solitary plasmacytoma occurred in the bone (90). As for the tropical ulcer, this used to be its old name but it is now really open to evidence based treatment. Nowadays, what crept in has been its surprising association with melanoma (63,77,184).

## ONCOLOGY

This has been my widest field. Indeed, by 1968, there had been such a flurry of my papers that my Biography appeared in *World Who's Who in Science* (205). The cute entry in it was my "emphasizing lymph rather than blood in its dissemination." Accordingly, the current entries stand on their own merit.

Furthermore, I wrote that the visionary views of the old masters on Nature's norms pointed to the up and coming prospects in the target therapy of cancer. In fact, this idea was appreciated by a good number of Editors (25, 46, 86, 110, 129, 137, 149, 167).

A hurdle presented by the melanoma is its metastasis in the groin, although no primary was known (62,142,144), the last two of these requests being respectively on March 23 and on March 26, 2018. A surprise is that inflammatory breast cancer may yield an occult metastasis (132,187). In the same vein, there is the question of the "dormant cancer cell." Much as it was thought to have been newly named, I did show that it was known in the last century (171). Also of old vintage is spontaneous regression of

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breast cancer; the descriptions started from way back in 1753 to 1897 (57).

Some metastatic patterns need to be addressed. Of great importance is any anomaly in the pattern of spread (3). Concerning selectivity in cryptogenic metastasis, the long bones exemplified the phenomenon in cases of follicular thyroid carcinoma (8). The scientific significance of the role of the thoracic duct was emphasized (52,150).

Lymphangiogenesis stands tall. As its name indicates, it means the growth of lymph vessels which aids dispersals of tumor cells. As fate would have it, my early paper noted this phenomenon 6 times in the work which sought to change the common perception of the retrograde spread of cancer (206). The details of its workings are on record (2,31).

A model of its own is the “bare area of the liver” which is well known to cute medical students! I have suggested it as a human model for studying the metastatic potential of lung cancers (115,191).

### LAW

Although I have written a book on “Expert Evidence” (207), the slant here is on what Editors selected from my other forensic publications. Indeed, the medico-legal case reported by Hodgkin in 1832 attracted two Editors in the fields of *Forensic Sciences* (76) and *Studies in Nursing* (89). More attractive to 4 Editors was “**The epochal medico-legal dictum of Tait in 1883**” (6,61,148,151). Also, four other Editors rooted for “**Forensic images: Mascagni’s plate of the internal mammary lymph nodes**” (59,104,145,160).

On the local plane, my personal publications were appreciated 3 times with references to autopsy in sudden death (108), papillary adenocarcinoma in lung cancer (124), and early hospital deaths (133).

### PSYCHOLOGY

As a medical student at Glasgow University in 1954, I passed London University’s External Degree Examination in Anatomy, Physiology and Psychology. Thereafter, Psychology remained of some interest to me, especially in the field of cancer management. Surprisingly, the first letter which I got in this series concerned the neuroscientific approach to behavioral health in cancer cases (1). It was published for me by *Journal of Neuroscience and Behavioral Health* (208).

Next, four Editors recalled their appreciation of my historical article on **Human behavior in cancer quackery** (42,56,82,93,). More pointed was that on **The psychological aspects of the treatments involved in cancer quackery** (209). Incidentally, I also reviewed at length the attitude of healers towards the disclosing bad news to cancer patients between the lengthy period of 1676 to 1896 (105). On the other hand, my revision of the old perspectives of the drug treatment in cancer quackery was noted (164,170).

### GYNECOLOGY

Ovarian dermoid cysts featured strongly thrice (35,51,177). Also of triple strength was liposarcoma of the uterine cervix (99,194,199). Moreover, primary melanoma of the clitoris came up repeatedly (107,136,195). There was the odd uterine procidentia in a 15-year-old girl (26). A comparative study of umbilical endometriosis was written (28). So was the rupture of the corpus luteum (50).

### INFORMATICS

The Editor of *English for Specific Purposes*, researching on the reprint request (RR), concluded that I am the world’s leading researcher in that field (209). Not surprisingly, I have also written on the usefulness of RR in Cardiology (120). The Librarians, who request for reprints in Oncology, were studied (192). The scope for historical citations on cancer, I wrote, should be broadened (168,190). In particular, I showed appreciation for the presence of the lymph nodes within the breast, seeing that this literature had hitherto been hidden (113).

### THEOLOGY

The Bible has been studied using the Tandem English Style. By it, a word, which **ends** a paragraph, **starts** the next one. In fact, it appeared throughout in a longish paper devoted to the righteous theme of “Responsibility” (83). Also interesting was the eponym on “The Matthew Effect” (117). Regarding it, I argued that it is wrong to select Matthew whereas all the 3 Prophets, who are called the “Synoptic Prophets,” told the same story. Thus, a proper change to “The Synoptic Effect” is equitable.

### PARASITOLOGY

Tuberculosis is high up in the world of Parasitology. In my publications, the Journals referred thrice to the testicular tuberculosis

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(158,165,172). Surprisingly, it was in the lymph node within the breast that this disease cropped up, thereby mimicking cancer as was published by different Journals (163,196).

Serendipity worked in my discovery of the adult worm with the elegant name of *Paragonimus uterobilateralis* (21,70). As it happened, Dr Nwako, a pediatric surgeon, sent to me an abdominal biopsy done on a 8-year-old girl on 25th October, 1972. It was not until 9th February, 1973, that I discovered the causative 2 worms (210). More mundane was the lone voice on onchocerca of the eye (143).

### DISCUSSION

Not cited by current authors is my original research coupled with my Hypothesis, i.e., the self-named “The Erythrocyte Associated Necrotic Factor” (211). In short, I have been contending that this Factor needs to be established. In other words, it is important concerning the target therapy of cancer. In sum, I asked whether a natural translational system would help (5,69,91). Also, I drew attention to the possible roles of the following:

- stem cells (34,130),
- Contra distinct human lung cancer cell lines (72,91,134,154),
- exploiting the reported metastatic inefficiency of the liver (30,36),
- immunopathology (38,39,45,66,95,122,140,152,174),
- necrotizing of cells through drug designing and development (119,197),
- Application to the prevention of metastases (7,23,29).

### CONCLUSION

The old system, which is the celebrated citation count, has stood the test of the time. Thus, I am staggered when I peruse my own counts in the Garfield Library Hectograph (212). Incidentally, he encouraged me personally (213). However, what should follow my above presentation? The answer came as soon as I had completed the required 200 examples. It was from the Editor of *Archives of Cancer Science & Treatment*. In his quest to publish the Inaugural Issue, he wrote, “We would like to appreciate your contribution towards the scientific community by publishing your precious work.” He included 4 invitations, the preempting works of mine being Number 65,99, and 168. All is for the growth of Science

as well as the recognition of the contributions from Africa and elsewhere!

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