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The Journal of Health Informatics in Africa is the official journal of the Pan African Health Informatics Association (HELINA) and publishes the proceedings of the HELINA conferences, as well as open-call issues. This issue is an open-call issue comprising of four papers submitted directly to the journal. These papers have been double blind peer-reviewed before being accepted for publication. Although papers written in French are also published by the journal, all four papers in this issue was written in English.

The paper by Egwar, Wamema, Kiwanuka and Bagyendera investigates the success of eHealth standards adoption and proposes a conceptual model for assessing the potential success of eHealth standards adoption.

Authors Ashaba and Nabukenya employed a cross-sectional survey to investigate the practises and challenges associated with the evaluation of eHealth interventions in Uganda. They highlight the need for an evaluation framework to guide the evaluation of eHealth interventions.

Jheelan-Ramchandur, Jodheea-Jutton, and Nagowah reports on the development of an e-tool to facilitate the prescribing of medications in Mauritius. A prototype of a mobile drug formulary application was developed for healthcare professionals in Mauritius in an effort to reduce prescribing errors and faults.

Munene, Egwar, and Nabukenya identified the need for and suggests a structure for a digital health curriculum for the African region.

This year has proved to be trying on all as we live through the COVID-19 pandemic. I would thus like to extend a very special thank you to the editorial team, authors, and peer-reviewers that made this issue possible. The peer-reviewers all took time out of their abnormally busy schedules to assist with the review process, for which we are very appreciative and thankful.

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