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This issue features three insightful papers:

- Eleke, Nwaneri, Okoronkwo, and Samuel present a comprehensive review comparing paper-based and software-assisted nursing documentation, focusing on data precision and timeliness.
- Kigombola and Mahundi explore the use cases, approaches, and challenges associated with the implementation of blockchain technology in the healthcare sectors of low- and middle-income countries.
- Mwogosi, Kibusi, and Shaoa share insights into primary healthcare practitioners' perceptions of the effectiveness of electronic health record systems for decision support in Tanzania.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the editorial team, authors, and peer reviewers whose hard work has made this issue possible. I also encourage researchers engaged in health informatics to contact me about becoming reviewers for JHIA. The expertise of experienced researchers is crucial to maintaining the high quality of research published in our journal.

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