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I was unable to meet the cost of attending the conferences, initially because of my limited budget studying and working in Ghana and later while I was a studying on a PhD programme in Germany.

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The publication of this article was not only crucial in helping me complete a PhD by publication but has equipped me with research skills which will be of benefit to my colleagues and students at the Kumasi Technical University.