

# **JOURNAL SUBMISSION**

**CLINICAL SPECTRUM OF EPILEPSY IN PATIENTS  
ATTENDING A TERTIARY CARE CENTRE**

## Journal Selection Report

Job code	xxxxxxx
Manuscript title	Clinical Spectrum of Epilepsy in Patients Attending a Tertiary Care Centre
Date	xxxxx
Author preferences	<b>Keywords:</b> Epilepsy, Clinical Spectrum, Seizure Disorders, Neurology, Tertiary Care, EEG, Antiepileptic Drugs
Comments on Adherence to Author Preferences	All recommended journals have regularly published articles on topics related to the authors' Area of Research / Idea

## Journal Recommendations

Journal name	Comments
<p><i>Developmental Medicine &amp; Child Neurology</i></p> <p><i>Publisher: Wiley</i></p>	<p><b>The Reason for the recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Developmental Medicine &amp; Child Neurology</i> (DMCN) is a multidisciplinary journal that has defined the fields of paediatric neurology and childhood-onset neurodisability for over 60 years. DMCN disseminates the latest clinical research results globally to enhance the care and improve the lives of disabled children and their families.</li> <li>The journal published several articles on topics like authors' Area of Research / Idea, e.g., <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuestas, E. (2026), Cerebral palsy in Brazil: A landmark step toward population-based surveillance in Latin America. <i>Dev Med Child Neurol.</i> <a href="https://doi.org/10.1111/dmcn.70226">https://doi.org/10.1111/dmcn.70226</a></li> <li>Pierce SR, Orlando JM, Cunningham KG, Ruggiero SM, Kaufman MC, McKee JL, et al. Reliability and stability of cerebral palsy classification scales for individuals with STXBP1- and SYNGAP1-related disorders. <i>Dev Med Child Neurol.</i> 2026;00:1–10. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1111/dmcn.70265">https://doi.org/10.1111/dmcn.70265</a></li> </ul> </li> </ol>

<p><b><i>The Lancet Neurology</i></b></p> <p><i>Publisher:</i> Elsevier</p>	<p><b>The Reason for the recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The Lancet Neurology</i> is an authoritative forum for key opinion leaders across medicine, government, and health systems to influence clinical practice, explore global policy, and inform constructive, positive changes worldwide. As the global leader in clinical neurology, the journal delivers essential original research, expert review, candid commentary, and breaking news to provide context and perspective on today's most important medical advances across the broad spectrum of clinical neurology.</li> <li>2. The journal published several articles on topics like authors' Area of Research / Idea, e.g., <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powell, A., Chan, K., Shepherd, C. E., &amp; Brodaty, H. (2026). Cognitive resilience in ageing: determinants and interventions. <i>Lancet Neurology</i>, 25(5), 492–505. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/s1474-4422(26)00027-x">https://doi.org/10.1016/s1474-4422(26)00027-x</a></li> <li>• Figueroa, A. G., Joshi, C. N., &amp; Patel, M. N. (2026). From clinical practice to mechanistic insights in ketogenic diets for epilepsy. <i>Lancet Neurology</i>, 25(5), 519–532. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/S1474-4422(26)00008-6">https://doi.org/10.1016/S1474-4422(26)00008-6</a></li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p><b><i>The Journal of Neuroscience Research</i></b></p> <p><i>Publisher:</i> Wiley</p>	<p><b>The Reason for the recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The <i>Journal of Neuroscience Research (JNR)</i> publishes pioneering research relevant to the development, function, and pathophysiology of the nervous system. Molecular, cellular, systems, and translational approaches are all considered. Papers explore basic research and clinical aspects of neurology, neuropathology, psychiatry, or psychology. All articles work to uncover the intricacies of brain structure and function. <i>JNR</i> covers all species from invertebrates to humans.</li> <li>2. The journal published several articles on topics like authors' Area of Research / Idea, e.g., <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peralta, E. D., S. G.Benitez, Y. S.García, and C. G.Acosta. 2026. “Angiotensin-II Type 1 and Type 2 Receptors Differentially Regulate TWIK1 Potassium Channel Expression in Wistar Rat Sensory Neurons.” <i>Journal of Neuroscience Research</i>104, no. 4: e70127. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1002/jnr.70127">https://doi.org/10.1002/jnr.70127</a>.</li> <li>• Kumari, R., E. A.Proctor, and P.McLaughlin. 2026. “Acute Opioid Receptor Blockade Restores Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor and Astrocyte Response in db/db Mouse Brain Following Hypoxia-Ischemic Injury.” <i>Journal of Neuroscience Research</i>104, no. 4: e70125. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1002/jnr.70125">https://doi.org/10.1002/jnr.70125</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

## Journal Comparator

Key Parameters	<i>Developmental Medicine &amp; Child Neurology</i>	<i>The Lancet Neurology</i>	<i>The Journal of Neuroscience Research</i>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Wiley	Elsevier,	Wiley	
<b>Similar research published</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>Indexing database</b>	MEDLINE/PubMed, Index Medicus, OLDMEDLINE, Scopus, and CINAHL	Web of Science (SCIE)Scopus PubMed/, MEDLINE Embase, CARE Group, CINAHL	Scopus, Web of Science, and PubMed/MEDLINE	
<b>Impact factor</b>	4.3	56.2.	4.0	
<b>Review duration</b>	12 days	3–5 days	17 days.	
<b>Publication type</b>	monthly, peer-reviewed academic journal	monthly, peer-reviewed clinical neurology journal	Original Research Articles, Technical Reports, Reviews, Mini-Reviews, Commentaries, and Letters to the Editor.	
<b>Rejection rate</b>	69% to 71%	80–90%	26%	
<b>Acceptance rate</b>	29%	below 5%	46%	
<b>Article processing charges</b>	\$5,300 USD / £3,570 GBP / €4,440 EUR	USD 8,810	\$4,840 USD	
<b>Limit</b>	<b>Word count</b>	Max 3000 words	3,500–4,500 words	5,000 words
	<b>Figure/Tables</b>	a maximum of 4	5 figures/tables.	more than 3 figures.
	<b>References</b>	25 References	~100 References,	No limit

### Supporting Information - Rationale for Inclusion and Scope

<i>Developmental Medicine &amp; Child Neurology</i>	
Rationale for inclusion	Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology is included because it deals with early diagnosis and management of neurological and developmental disorders in children, helping improve long-term physical, cognitive, and social outcomes through early intervention.
Scope	It covers assessment and treatment of conditions like cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, ADHD, developmental delay, neuromuscular and genetic disorders, along with rehabilitation and long-term child developmental care.

<b><i>The Lancet Neurology</i></b>	
Rationale for inclusion	<i>The Lancet Neurology</i> is included because it is a leading peer-reviewed journal that publishes high-quality, influential research in neurology, contributing to evidence-based practice and advancement in neurological sciences.
Scope	It covers all areas of neurology, including clinical neurology, neurodegenerative diseases, stroke, epilepsy, neuroimmunology, neuro-oncology, and advances in diagnosis, treatment, and neuroscience research.

<b><i>The Journal of Neuroscience Research</i></b>	
Rationale for inclusion	<i>The Journal of Neuroscience Research</i> is included because it publishes original research that advances understanding of the nervous system, supporting both basic and clinical neuroscience development.
Scope	It covers experimental and clinical neuroscience, including molecular, cellular, and systems neuroscience, neurobiology, neurophysiology, neurochemistry, and studies related to neurological disorders.

## Appendix: Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How were the recommended journals selected?

The journals were selected based on their relevance to the manuscript topic (epilepsy and clinical neurology), scope alignment, indexing status, impact factor, and history of publishing similar research.

### 2. Which journal is most suitable for high-impact publication?

*The Lancet Neurology* is the most suitable for high-impact publication due to its very high impact factor and global influence, though it has a highly competitive acceptance rate.

### 3. Which journal has a higher chance of acceptance?

*The Journal of Neuroscience Research* has a comparatively higher acceptance rate, making it a more feasible option for publication.

### 4. How do article processing charges (APCs) influence journal selection?

APCs vary significantly among journals and may affect the author's decision depending on funding availability, with higher-tier journals generally charging more.

### 5. Why is scope alignment important in journal selection?

Scope alignment ensures the manuscript matches the journal's focus area, increasing the likelihood of acceptance and reaching the appropriate academic audience.