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# Disabilities



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# Message from the Editor-in-Chief

Disability is a multidimensional construct and is the product of complex and situational interactions between an individual's attributes and their environments. This broadens the perspective of disability and allows for the examination of individual, social, and environmental influences on functioning, disability, and ability occurring in historical and cultural settings. Consequently, *Disabilities* is inclusive of all types of disability, across all ages and contexts. We particularly welcome articles from low- and middle- income countries and articles that are authored/co-authored by people with the lived experience of disabilities.

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## Editor-in-Chief

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## Aims

*Disabilities* (ISSN 2673-7272) is an open access journal covering a broad range of issues related to the physical, biopsychosocial, and environmental aspects of disability. Due to the varied nature of this field, we publish:

- Research results (original research, controlled trials, case studies, feasibility and pilot studies across research paradigms);
- Research protocols and novel use of diagnostic or intervention instruments (introduction of novel approaches to disability, support and innovations which advance inclusion, diagnostic and intervention scales, validation of instruments);
- Review articles (systematic reviews, scoping reviews);
- Theoretical and conceptual papers; and
- Country-/region-specific research (including transnational disability studies).

Scientists are encouraged to publish their experimental and theoretical results in as much detail as possible. Therefore, the journal has no restriction on the maximum length of the papers. Full experimental details should be provided so that results can be reproduced.

The goal is to ensure that *Disabilities* is inclusive of all types of disability, across all ages and contexts, while remaining attractive for prospective submissions.

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## Scope

*Disabilities* invites submissions from a range of topics that relate to how individual and contextual factors interplay with and impact the lives of persons with disabilities, as well as the implications these have on theory, methodology, policy, and practice. The following list of topics is provided as a guide with which to outline the relevant research areas, and is not intended to be exhaustive.

### Impairment

#### *Physical Health*

- Physical activity;
- Injury and chronic illness;
- Rehabilitation, including assistive technology.

#### *Mental Health*

- Quality of life and well-being;
- Intellectual, learning, and cognitive disability.
- Assessments of and interventions for physical and mental health disabilities.

### Social (Participation Restrictions)

- Public health challenges;
- Practices that promote inclusivity and equity;
- Human rights and advocacy;
- Family support and family-centered care.

### Environmental (Activity Limitations)

- Inclusive and special education;
- Economy and employment;
- Universal design and accessibility across systems.

### Theory and Methodology

- Advancement of disability theory and methodology;
- Research co-designed with and builds capacity of persons with disabilities.

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