

Submission Instructions

1. Manuscript Submission

All manuscripts should be submitted via email to: **sljgg2025@gmail.com**

Manuscripts must be submitted in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) format, with tables and figures submitted as separate files (JPEG or TIFF formats with at least 300 dpi resolution).

2. Manuscript Formatting Checklist

Ensure your manuscript includes:

- Title page with article title, author names and affiliations, corresponding author, contact details (email & telephone number), Open Researcher and Contributor Identification (ORCID) of the corresponding author and Word count
 - Structured or unstructured abstract (depending on article type)
 - Keywords (3–6)
 - Main text according to article category
 - Author declaration
 - Acknowledgements (if any)
 - Conflict of interest
 - Funding disclosure
 - Ethical approval statement
 - References in Vancouver style
 - Figure legends and table titles (placed after references)
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Peer-Review and Editorial Process

1. Initial Screening

- All submissions will undergo initial editorial screening for completeness, formatting, and scope relevance.
- Manuscripts not conforming to guidelines will be returned to authors for correction before peer review.

2. Peer Review Process

- SLJGG uses a **double-blind peer review** system—authors and reviewers remain anonymous.
- Each manuscript will be reviewed by **two independent reviewers** with expertise in geriatrics, gerontology, or related fields.
- Reviewers will assess:
 - Scientific and ethical rigor
 - Relevance to geriatrics and gerontology
 - Clarity of presentation and writing
 - Originality and contribution to knowledge
- Reviews are typically returned within **3-4 weeks**.

3. Revisions

- Authors are expected to return revised manuscripts within **3 weeks**.
- A point-by-point response to reviewers' comments must be submitted along with the revised manuscript.

4. Editorial Decision

- Based on reviewers' comments, the Editor-in-Chief may decide:
 - Accept with minor/major revisions
 - Request resubmission
 - Reject
- Final decision for the manuscripts will be made at the Editorial Board meetings which will be held every 3 months.
- Authors will be provided with constructive feedback regardless of decision.

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5. Proofs and Publication

- After acceptance, final proofs will be sent to the corresponding author for approval.

- No major changes can be made at this stage.
 - Articles will be published online and/or in print following layout and typesetting.
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Ethical Considerations

- **Plagiarism:** Submissions are checked using plagiarism-detection software. Plagiarism will result in rejection.
- **Informed Consent:** Required for all case reports and studies involving identifiable participants.
- **Ethics Approval:** Must be obtained for all human research, and a statement should be included in the manuscript.