How to publish in the Child Protection and Practice Journal (open access)

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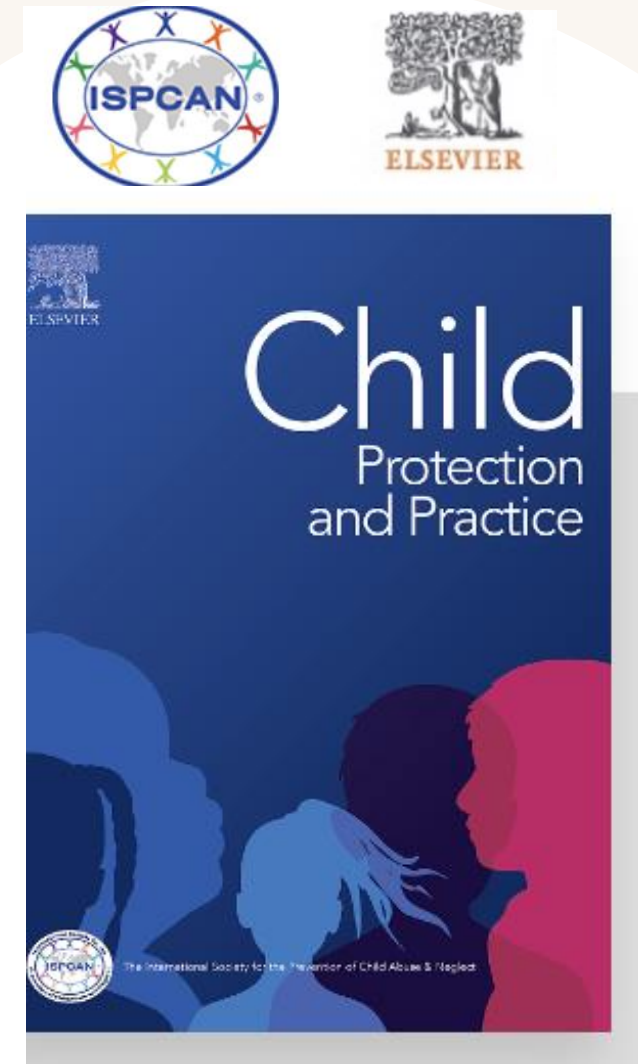- Dr. Catherine Maternowska, University of Edinburgh
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Child Protection and Practice Orientation

- Child rights focused with guiding UN documents, centrally the global consensus on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

- Scope of child safeguarding at all levels, and interested in the intersections of systems

- Intersectionality, Critical Analysis, Practice – Integrated "practice pearls" from discussion & commentary, practice perspective, case reports and case-based book reviews

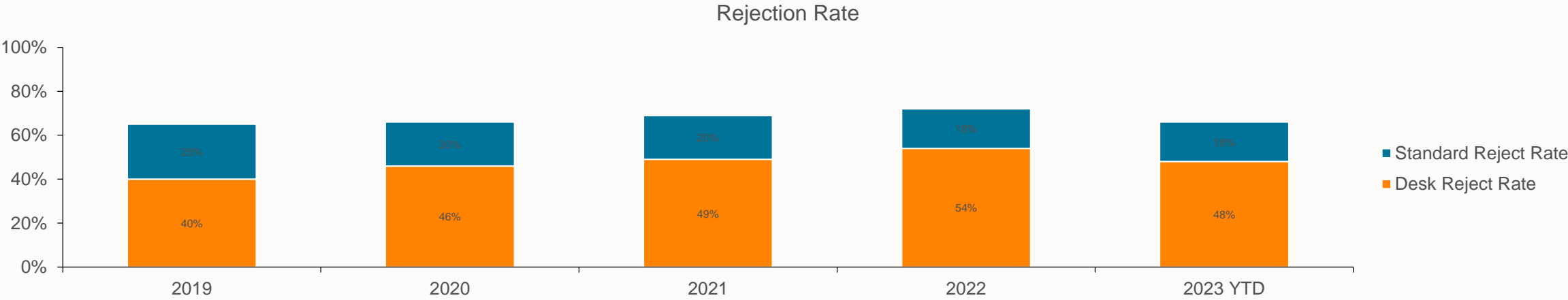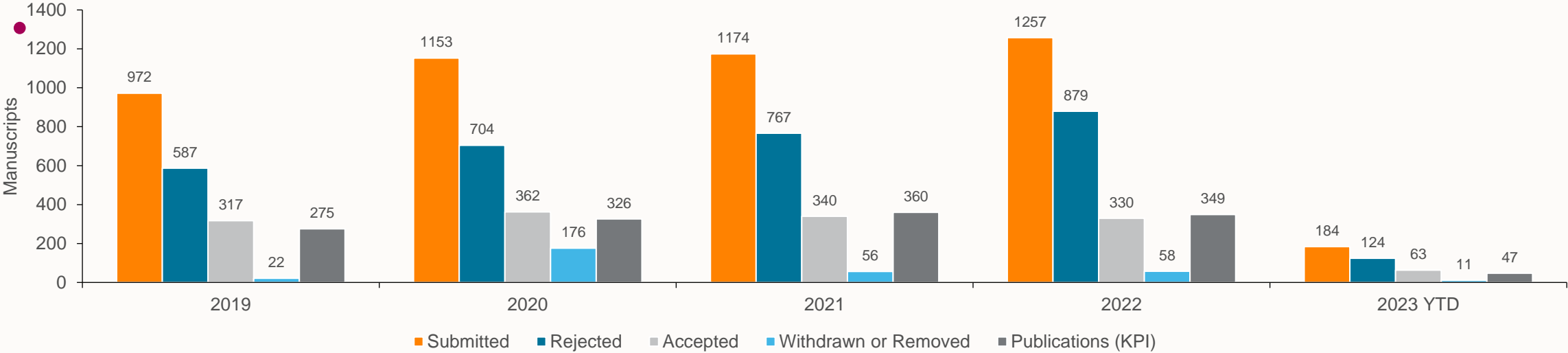- Emphasis on Special Issues for thematic content

Learning from our sister journal, *Child Abuse & Neglect*

- Peer-reviewed interdisciplinary social science journal covering child protection.

- Established in 1977 – Founding Editor C. Henry Kempe

- Official journal of the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

- Published by Elsevier **– Impact Factor = 4.8 (#citations/prior 2 years #articles)**

- Editor-in-chief is Dr. Christine Wekerle

- **115 editors** and editorial board members in **15 countries/regions**

- **13 AEs** - Editorial Team: Drs. **Nicole Racine** (Special Issue Editor) / Canada
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Submitted Manuscripts & Editorial Outcomes – Currently over 70% rejection rate

Manuscripts

2019: Submitted 972, Rejected 587, Accepted 317, Withdrawn or Removed 22, Publications (KPI) 275
2020: Submitted 1153, Rejected 704, Accepted 362, Withdrawn or Removed 176, Publications (KPI) 326
2021: Submitted 1174, Rejected 767, Accepted 340, Withdrawn or Removed 56, Publications (KPI) 360
2022: Submitted 1257, Rejected 879, Accepted 330, Withdrawn or Removed 58, Publications (KPI) 349
2023 YTD: Submitted 184, Rejected 124, Accepted 63, Withdrawn or Removed 11, Publications (KPI) 47

Legend: ■ Submitted ■ Rejected ■ Accepted ■ Withdrawn or Removed ■ Publications (KPI)

Rejection Rate

■ Standard Reject Rate
■ Desk Reject Rate

Year	Desk Reject Rate	Standard Reject Rate
2019	40%	25%
2020	46%	20%
2021	49%	20%
2022	54%	18%
2023 YTD	48%	18%

Last Updated: 24 Feb 2023

Child Protection and Practice journal team

- **47 editors** and editorial board members in **14 countries/regions**: See Editorial Board @
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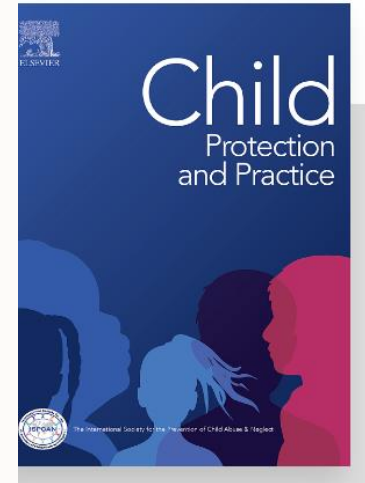
Global South

Current Child Protection and Practice Special Issues

- 3 current special issues, 2 upcoming on "Youth Engagement" and "Mattering"

- See **Call for Papers**: https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-protection-and-practice/about/call-for-papers

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- **Expanding our definition and understanding of childhood adversity – a global perspective – Drs. Tiwari & Brown**
  - **Managing Guest Editor: atiwari@augusta.edu**

- **Transforming the Child Welfare System" Drs. Abdullah et al.**
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- **Exploring Childhood Emotional Maltreatment, Childhood Verbal Abuse, and Current Research and Practice Issues Drs. Dube & Fang**
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Submitting Steps Overview

- 1. Review the Author Guidelines to gain essentials on Types of Articles

- 2. Set up an account as an author from our journal Homepage

- 3. Prepare your manuscript for blinded review (reviewers will not see authorship and any author references are blinded)

- 4. Prepare your cover letter. Ensure you note the Special Issue topic and the Guest Editors if you are submitting to special issue.

- 5. Special Issue (SI) articles are submitted through SI portal drop-down menu where you will see a short title.

- 6. Communicate with the Elsevier team with technical questions. Elsevier team communicates with the Editors-in-Chief.

- 7. Content-related inquiries can come to Editors-in-Chief as needed. Content-related inquiries can come to the Special Issue Managing Guest Editor.

Steps to submitting an article – Guide for Authors

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Guide for authors

INTRODUCTION

Child Protection and Practice seeks both "traditional" journal articles, including research articles, review articles and discussion articles as well as two types of practice expertise submissions, detailed below. There are many ways to contribute, and we strive for active engagement in invited commentaries. For all submissions, we require a highlights section.

If you are new to publishing in peer reviewed journals?and notably, if you live in a low- or lower-middle income country ? there are resources that can help you here including waivers for open access fees and ways to access the scientific literature. Additionally, if you need extra editorial services, if English is not your native language contact us here.

Highlights

A Highlights section needs to be added to all submissions (with the exception of a book review) as it increases the discoverability of your article via search engines. They consist of a short collection of 3 to 5 bullet points that capture the novel results of your research as, well as new methods that were used during the study (if any). Importantly, they clarify the research gap and implications to research, practice, and policy. Please have a look at the examples here: example Highlights.

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