

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

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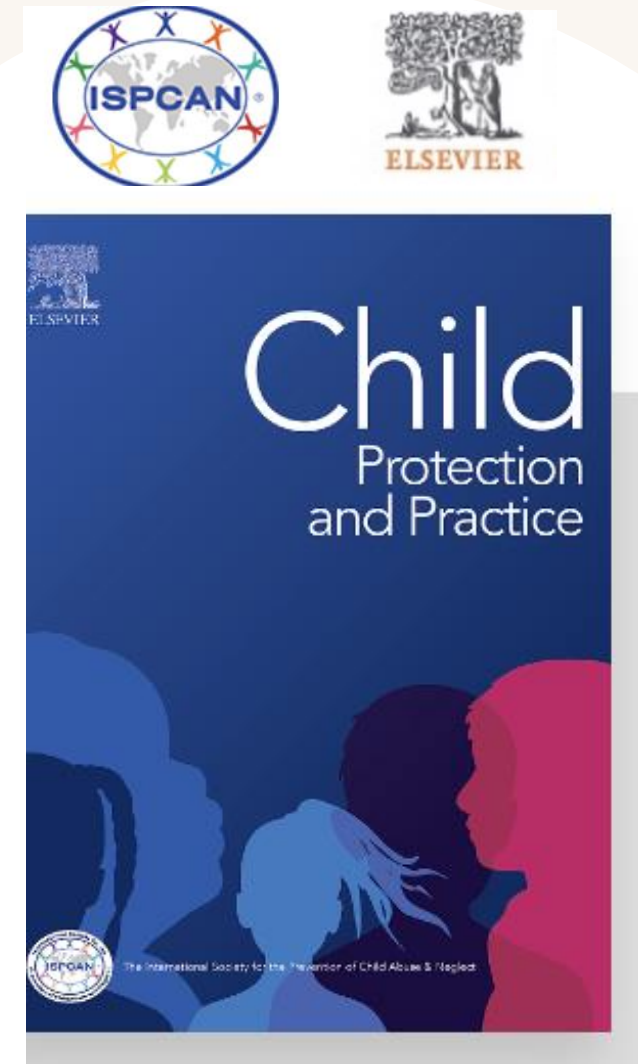
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# Child Protection and Practice Orientation

- 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

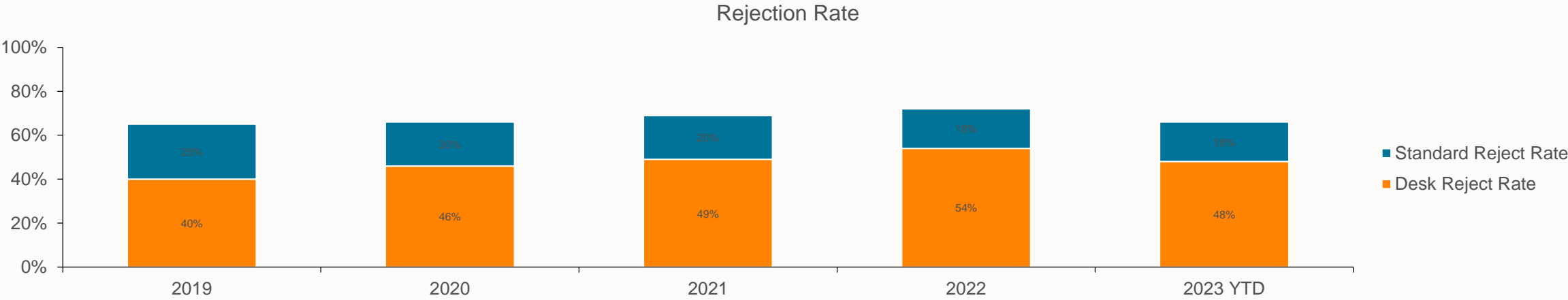
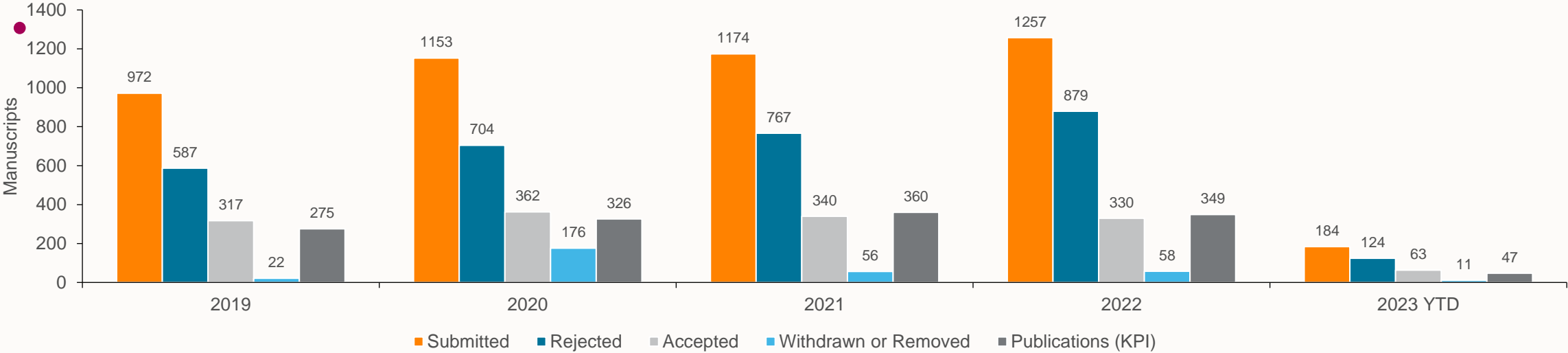
# Learning from our sister journal, *Child Abuse & Neglect*

• 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
  - **Linda Theron** (Qualitative: Resilience Research)/South Africa\* - **CP & P**
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# Submitted Manuscripts & Editorial Outcomes – Currently over 70% rejection rate



# *Child Protection and Practice* journal team

- **47 editors** and editorial board members in **14 countries/regions**: See Editorial Board @ <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-protection-and-practice/about/editorial-board>



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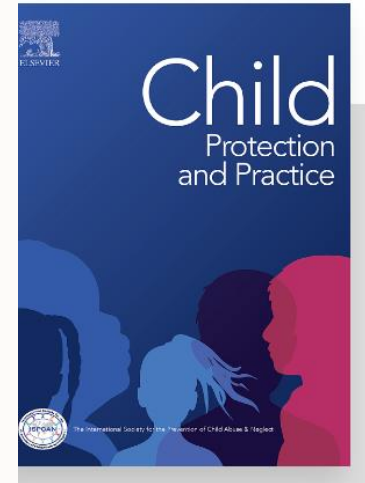
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## Global North



## 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>
- Special Issue articles are published together on ScienceDirect, making it incredibly easy for other researchers to discover your work.
- Special content articles are downloaded on ScienceDirect twice as often within the first 24 months than articles published in regular issues.
- Special content articles attract 20% more citations in the first 24 months than articles published in regular issues.
- **Expanding our definition and understanding of childhood adversity – a global perspective – Drs. Tiwari & Brown**
  - Managing Guest Editor: [atiwari@augusta.edu](mailto: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

- <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/child-protection-and-practice/publish/guide-for-authors>

## Guide for authors

### Introduction

### Types of contributions

### Submission checklist

### Before you begin

- Ethics in publishing
- Declaration of competing interest
- Declaration of generative AI in scientific writing
- Submission declaration and verification
- Use of inclusive language
- Reporting sex- and gender-based analyses
- Changes to authorship
- Copyright
- Role of the funding source
- Open Access
- Submission

### Preparation

- Peer review
- Double anonymized review
- Article structure
- Essential title page information

## 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](#).



# Helpful Tips for Authors

• <https://www2.cloud.editorialmanager.com/robohelp/17.0/index.htm#t=Author Main Menu.htm>

The screenshot displays the 'EM Help' website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with 'EM Help' on the left and a search bar on the right. Below the header, a left sidebar contains a list of help topics, with 'System Administration' expanded to show sub-topics like Roles, Site Setup, and Registration. The main content area on the right provides detailed information about the Author Main Menu, including sections for New Submissions, Incomplete Submissions, Submissions Waiting for Author's Approval, and Submissions Being Processed. Each section lists specific action links and their functions. A small blue double-left arrow icon is visible in the left margin of the main content area. In the bottom right corner, there is a dark blue button with a speech bubble icon and the text 'Was this article helpful?'.

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The standard Author Main Menu page includes three sections: New Submissions, Revisions, and Completed. The three sections contain links to related folders. Folders contain the Author's submissions at that particular stage of the editorial process.

Within folders each submission is listed separately with columns containing submission data. The Action column contains links to enable the Author to view submission-related information and act on the submission. Action links displayed depend on the submission's status in the editorial process and publication configuration. (Basic links are described below. Additional links are described in separate articles.)

**New Submissions**

**Submit New Manuscript** links to the submission interface. If the Author has any open assignments (revisions due, submission invitations, accepted invitations that are not yet submitted, incomplete submissions, or submissions sent back to Author), an overlay displays after this link is clicked listing any open assignments, so the Author does not submit a new manuscript in error.

**Submissions Sent Back to Author** are those that have been returned to the Author before an Editor is assigned, generally because the submission is not ready for processing (e.g., missing materials, incorrect format, etc.). Action links:

- [View Submission](#): Allows the user to open or save the submission's PDF file.
- [View Letter](#): Allows the user to view the letter containing instructions and explanation for why the submission was sent back.
- [Edit Submission](#): Takes the user to the submission interface to make additions, corrections, or changes.
- [Approve Submission](#): Allows the user to approve the submission's PDF file. This sends the completed submission to the editorial office.
- [Remove Submission](#): Allows the user to delete the submission. This permanently removes the files and data from the system. (This link does not appear for invited submissions.)

**Incomplete Submissions** have been started by the Author, but no PDF has been created, or there was an error building the PDF. Action links:

- [Edit Submission](#): Takes the user to the submission interface to make additions, corrections, or changes.
- [Remove Submission](#): Allows the user to delete the submission. This permanently removes the files and data from the system. (This link does not appear for invited submissions.)

**Submissions Waiting for Author's Approval** have a PDF built, but the Author must View and Approve it before it can be submitted to the publication. Action links:

- [View Submission](#): Allows the user to open or save the submission's PDF file.
- [Edit Submission](#): Takes the user to the submission interface to make additions, corrections, or changes.
- [Approve Submission](#): Allows the user to approve the submission's PDF file. This sends the completed submission to the editorial office.
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**Submissions Being Processed** have been submitted to the publication and are in the peer review process. Action links:

- [View Submission](#): Allows the user to open or save the submission's PDF file.


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## Reviewer Help

Instructions appear on most pages in the publication's EM site with information specific to the page. Some instructions may appear in the

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