



## **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IJID) OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES (ISID)**

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The term of the current Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of the journal ends on October 1, 2026. The ISID is recruiting a new Editor-in-Chief with a view to interviewing candidates on May 12, 13, and 14, 2026, and executing a contract with the selected candidate no later than June 30, 2026. The new Editor in Chief will start receiving submissions in Q3 2026 and will officially take the helm no later than October 1, 2026. The deadline for applications is April 20, 2026. Self-nominations will be considered.

The journal is the flagship journal of the Society, with an Impact Factor of 4.3 (2024). The journal is in Q1 of the Infectious Diseases Journals. It is the authoritative cross-disciplinary journal in infectious diseases devoted to publishing advances in original clinical and laboratory-based research, together with reports of clinical trials, reviews, and some case reports dealing with the epidemiology, clinical diagnosis, treatment, and control of infectious diseases. For more information, please visit <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-infectious-diseases>.

The Committee is seeking applications from outstanding leaders in the field, from academia, industry or government, with broad general knowledge of the discipline, a record of research excellence as evidenced by publication, H-index, reputation, and service on editorial boards, and demonstrable ability to work collaboratively with others, including journal's editorial team as well as with the Editors-in-Chief of the sister open access journals, *IJID Regions* and *IJID One Health*.

Applicants should demonstrate a compelling strategic vision for the journal's development and differentiation from other reputable journals in the field; outstanding academic achievement; excellent communication skills; a collaborative leadership style; a profound commitment to inclusion, diversity, access and equity; a clear understanding of trends in scientific journal publishing, including the economic underpinnings of journals in the open access era and optimizing digital functionality; an international network of colleagues; and deep editorial experience.

#### **SCOPE AND STRUCTURE**

The *International Journal of Infectious Diseases (IJID)* is published monthly by the International Society for Infectious Diseases. IJID is a peer-reviewed, open access journal and publishes original clinical and laboratory-based research, together with reports of clinical trials, reviews, and some case reports dealing with the epidemiology, clinical diagnosis, treatment, and control of infectious diseases with particular emphasis placed on those diseases that are most common in under-resourced countries.

## Manuscript types

**Original articles** cover research on infectious disease topics of broad interest. We particularly welcome papers that discuss epidemiological aspects of international health, clinical reports, clinical trials, systematic reviews and meta-analyses, and reports of clinical laboratory investigations. Original articles should not exceed 3500 words in length, with up to 5 figures/tables and no more than 30 references. The word count is from the introduction through to the end of the conclusion/discussion and does not include abstract, tables, figures, acknowledgements or reference list.

**Review Articles** on topics of importance to readers in diverse geographic areas are welcome. These should be comprehensive and fully referenced.

Word count for a Review Article from introduction to conclusion/discussion: 2500 to max of 4000 words. There can be one or two figures/tables, an abstract, an introduction, a conclusion, and no more than 40 references.

**Perspectives** are papers that advance a hypothesis or represent an opinion based on scientific evidence relating to a topic of current interest or importance. They should be fully referenced (not more than 20), with one figure or table, and should not exceed 2000 words in length.

**Correspondence (Letter to the Editor)** is reserved for comments on papers recently published (within 3 months by volume) in the Journal. Maximum length 400 words, one table or figure and a maximum of 10 references. If you are reporting original data, please ensure that Article type is set to Original Article or Short Communication.

**Case Reports** must be carefully documented and must be of importance because they illustrate or describe unusual features or have important therapeutic implications. Maximum length 1200 words and a maximum of 1 table or figure. Case reports require an abstract, but this does not need to be a structured abstract and should include no more than 15 references.

**Short Communications** brief reports of unusual or preliminary findings. Maximum length 1200 words, two tables or figures and a maximum of 10 references.

**Medical Imagery:** We invite submission of high-quality, interesting and instructive images (such as clinical and other photographs, figures or diagrams, photomicrographs, or diagnostic imaging) suitable for the general readership of IJID. These should include no more than 200 words of explanatory text, and under 5 references. It is necessary to have appropriate permissions from subjects for an identifiable clinical image to be published.

**Editorial:** Representing the International Journal of Infectious Diseases' viewpoints, each editorial is written in-house by the journal's editorial team and may include other invited authors. Professional or academic viewpoints based on research findings should be submitted as "Perspective" instead.

**For the Guide for authors, see:**

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-journal-of-infectious-diseases/publish/guide-for-authors>

- In 2025, the number of submissions to the IJID was 3,724, the number of manuscripts accepted was 505, and the number of articles published was 438.
- Impact factor 4.3 (2024) and ranking Q1 in Infectious Disease Journals.
- The Society is seeking an individual with a strong record of research, publication, and editorial positions to guide the journal's development over the next 5 years.

## **DESCRIPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **General Scope of Responsibilities**

The Editor-in-Chief (EIC) shall strive to:

- Publish high-quality manuscripts from a geographically diverse authorship
- Show a demonstrable understanding of the economics of journal publishing in the open access era
- Identify emerging areas of importance and actively solicit the best work being done in those areas
- Ensure that attention is paid to the principles of diversity, inclusion, access, and equity in all journal-related activities and relationships
- Promote the scientific exchange of ideas to advance the discipline and related areas of interest to the readership of the journal
- Select sufficient volume of content for publication to meet the Society's and Elsevier's general targets
- Take full advantage of web-based journal features, including virtual issues, podcasts, webinars, blogs, and social media activities.
- Be committed to work within the Editorial Manager submission and peer review administration system provided by the Publisher, Elsevier
- Work with the Society and the Publisher to improve the author experience, to ensure that authors, even if their papers are rejected, have the best possible author experience
- Implement a format-free submission system, leaving formatting and other technical requirements to the revision stage, if the paper advances through the first round of peer review

## **Governance**

The EIC reports to the CEO of the ISID. The EIC has total responsibility for the content of the journal within the criteria agreed in the Society/Publisher publishing agreement and in accordance with the Society's strategic plan.

## **Editorial Responsibilities**

The EIC, upon the advice of the Editorial Board, shall have complete and final authority for the selection, editorial modification, and quality of all materials published.

The specific responsibilities of the EIC shall include:

- a. The EIC will demonstrate commitment to the principles of diversity, inclusion, access, and equity in terms of editorial and reviewer recruitment and author relations
- b. Working with the Society and the publisher to develop strategies for editorial development of the Journal, including deploying electronic features available through the publisher's journal website, developing plans and strategies to attract the most impactful science in support of the journal's Impact Factor, and attending strategy and planning meetings arranged by the Society and the publisher
- c. Engaging the Editorial Board in discussing continuous improvement and development of the journal, and improving their understanding of the criteria for selecting papers, and expanding coverage in new areas
- d. Arranging appropriate, timely, and efficient peer-review procedures for the contributions submitted for publication in the journal, and is committed to fully utilizing the manuscript tracking system (currently Editorial Manager) provided by the publisher
- e. Preparing annual reports to the Society CEO and President, showing the acceptance rate, rate of submission, origin of submitted and accepted papers, time lag to first decision and final decision, and other statistics that will indicate the health of the journal
- f. Ensuring that his or her conduct conforms to the highest standards of professional conduct and scientific integrity, including strict adherence to the Society's conflict of interest policies, is consistent with all applicable laws, regulations, and publication standards, and reflects positively on the Society, and promotes the same standards of conduct by the Associate Editors and Assistant Editors
- g. Submitting his or her own conflict of interest statement annually to the Chief Executive Officer of the Society and securing from all authors appropriate conflict of interest disclosures.

**Term**

The EIC will serve a single one-time term of five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2031, subject to satisfactory performance, with the possibility of one additional 5-year term with mutual agreement of the EIC and the Society.

**Honorarium**

Society will pay the EIC an annual honorarium as approved by the President/CEO of the ISID.

**Office Support**

Society provides a direct link to the ISID liaison staff and the CEO of the ISID.

**Further Information**

Additional information on the journal's submissions, citations/impact factor, readership, and activities is available upon request from:

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**Application Requirements**

Applicants should submit the following:

- Full Curriculum Vitae (CV) as a PDF
- A letter outlining your vision and goals for the IJID (2026–2031), not more than 2 pages

**Submission Details**

Applications should be submitted to this [link](#) by April 20, 2026, at 11:00 PM Eastern Time