

Editorial Policy

The Sri Lanka Journal of Menopause is the official peer-reviewed publication of the Menopause Society of Sri Lanka. Its editorial policy is guided by the principles of scientific integrity, transparency, and ethical scholarship, with the aim of promoting high-quality research and clinical knowledge in midlife and menopausal health.

Scope and Content

The journal publishes original research, review articles, clinical practice updates, case reports, short communications, commentaries, and letters to the editor related to menopause, midlife women's health, endocrinology, gynaecology, reproductive ageing, mental health, chronic disease prevention, lifestyle medicine, and related fields. Submissions must be relevant, evidence-based, and contribute meaningfully to clinical practice or scientific understanding.

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All submissions undergo an initial editorial screening followed by a double-blind peer review by two or more independent reviewers with expertise in the relevant field. Decisions are made based on scientific merit, methodological quality, originality, clarity, and relevance. The Editorial Board reserves the right to request revisions, reject submissions, or recommend alternative formats when appropriate.

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- Informed consent where applicable
- Accurate reporting of data without fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism
- Declaration of all potential conflicts of interest
- Disclosure of funding sources

Suspected misconduct will be investigated according to COPE guidelines.

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