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Scope and Objectives

IJDD welcomes high-quality research in developmental disabilities, intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, specific learning disabilities, ADHD, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, neurodevelopmental disorders, early identification and intervention, child development, special and inclusive education, rehabilitation psychology, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy, behavioral interventions, parent training, community-based rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation, assistive technology, quality of life, disability rights, mental health, neuropsychology, public health, AI and digital interventions, and cross-cultural disability research. Its objectives are to advance research, promote inclusive education and rehabilitation, encourage multidisciplinary collaboration, and bridge research with real-world practice.

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Include a title page with the manuscript title, author name(s), affiliation(s), designation(s), ORCID ID (recommended), corresponding author's email, postal address, and contact number. The abstract should not exceed 250 words and should include background, objectives, method, results, conclusion, and educational, clinical, or rehabilitation implications where relevant, followed by 3–6 keywords. The main manuscript should generally include the following: Title, Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, Literature Review, Methodology, Results and Discussion, Conclusion, Recommendations and Implications, Future Research Direction and Limitations (if applicable), and References in APA 7th edition.

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