

Epilepsia Open

Journal Title:: Epilepsia Open **Publisher::** Wiley on behalf of the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) **ISSN::** 2470-9239 **Access Type::** Open Access **Impact Factor (2023)::** 3.0 **SJR (2024)::** ~1.05 (Q1–Q2 Neurology) **Indexing::** PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science (SCIE), DOAJ, Embase

□ General Scope

Epilepsia Open is the open-access journal of the ILAE, established to promote high-quality epilepsy research, including:

- Basic and translational neuroscience
- Clinical studies
- Negative and confirmatory trials
- Case series and historical perspectives
- Systematic reviews and policy commentaries

It offers rapid publication and accepts a broad range of manuscript types, supporting methodological transparency and underreported results.

□ Strengths

- **Rapid review and publication**
 - Median time to first decision: ~41 days
 - Online publication post-acceptance: <3 weeks
- **Support for underrepresented research**
 - Accepts negative, confirmatory, and hypothesis-generating studies
- **Strong international visibility**
 - Well indexed and backed by ILAE
- **Thematic flexibility**
 - Welcomes special issues and diverse formats (e.g., methodological notes, community perspectives)

⚠ Limitations

- **Moderate APC (~2,500 USD)**
 - May limit submissions from low-income countries
- **Acceptance rate ~58%**
 - Suggests moderate editorial selectivity compared to top-tier epilepsy journals
- **Lower IF than flagship journal**
 - Epilepsia has an IF ~6.6, indicating higher prestige and citation influence
- **Review transparency limited**
 - Details on peer-review depth and reproducibility standards not consistently disclosed

- **Risk of scope expansion dilution**
 - Growing submission volume may challenge editorial coherence

Metrics Summary

Metric	Value (2023/2024)
Impact Factor	3.0
SJR (SCImago)	~1.05
h-index	~37
Acceptance Rate	57.8%
Time to First Decision	41 days (median)
Time to Final Publication	~73 days
Article Processing Charge	~2,500 USD

Recommendation

For...	Recommendation
Authors	Suitable for timely open-access publication of clinical/translational research, including negative studies. Ensure funding for APC.
Clinicians	Useful source of emerging data, especially confirmatory or methodological insights.
Researchers	Consider for replication studies or niche topics not easily accepted in higher-IF journals.
Editors/ILAEs	Opportunity to refine selectivity, introduce transparent review auditing, and offer APC waivers for resource-limited settings.

Comparison with Related Journals

Journal	IF 2023	SJR	Acceptance Rate	Access
Epilepsia	~6.6	>1.5	~20%	Hybrid
Epilepsy & Behavior	~2.9	~1.0	~40%	Subscription
Epilepsia Open	~3.0	~1.05	~58%	Open Access

Conclusion

Epilepsia Open is a robust, fast, and methodologically open journal with increasing academic impact. It plays a critical role in balancing the publication ecosystem by hosting studies that might be filtered out of more selective journals due to publication bias or conservative editorial strategies.

Future improvements in transparency, reproducibility practices, and financial accessibility would strengthen its scientific and global relevance.

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