



Author Guidelines

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Focus Areas

We publish original work that explores the intersection of science, nature, and society, with a focus on women's contributions, impacts, and perspectives.

Science

- Biomedical Research
- Public Health
- Mental Health
- Pharmacology
- Health Economics
- AI and Technology

Society

- Gender Studies
- Sociology
- Education
- Political Science
- Economics
- Social Justice
- Community Development

Nature

- Environmental Science
- Ecology
- Climate Change
- Agriculture
- Biodiversity
- Sustainable Development
- Urban Planning

Types of Publications

Peer-Reviewed

- Research Articles: Original, data-driven research

- Review Articles: Comprehensive analysis of existing research
- Clinical Trials: Reports of registered and completed trials
- Case Reports: In-depth analysis of individual clinical cases
- Case Series: Reports on multiple related clinical cases
- Methods and Protocols: New or improved research methods
- Policy Briefs: Evidence-based policy recommendations
- Biographies: Scholarly profiles of notable women in relevant fields.

Non-Peer Reviewed (subject to Editor-in-Chief and Board approval)

- Letters to the Editor: Responses or commentary on published work
- Book Reviews: Critical evaluation of recent publications
- Special Features: Editorially curated thematic content
- Single Figure Publications : Infographics, Visual summaries of key data or findings

Before Submitting Your Paper

1. Original Work

Submissions must be original, unpublished, and not under review by another journal

2. Relevance

Ensure your work aligns with the journal's focus areas and accepted publication types

3. Pre-selection Form

Complete our Pre-selection Form (Box 1). This helps us assess the fit of your manuscript.



Box 1. Fit Form. Before submitting your full manuscript please submit the pre-selection form in our website. Go to Submit and you will be redirected. The form includes the following fields:

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Last Name

Email

Institution Name

Your position (postdoc, student, lead investigator)

Abstract:

Impact of your work:

4. Editorial Review

If your manuscript is selected for full review, we will contact you within 1–2 weeks with next steps. Please wait to hear from our editorial office before proceeding with full submission. If your work is invited for full submission, follow the full author guidelines to ensure it meets our scope and formatting requirements.

Submission

Once your pre-selection form is reviewed, our editorial team will contact you within 1–2 weeks if your paper is selected for further consideration. If invited, you will receive instructions for submitting the full manuscript.

Your full manuscript should include the following:

1. Formatting

We do not require a specific format, word limit, or reference count. Formatting and language edits may be requested at the discretion of the editorial team.

2. Language

Manuscripts must be written in English

3. Sections

Manuscripts should include the following sections:

- Title Page: Include the title, full names of all authors, their affiliations, and email addresses.
- Abstract Page: Provide a semi-structured abstract (maximum 500 words) with the following sections: Background, Methods, Findings, Impact, Keywords: Up to five
- Research Impact and Relevance: Briefly explain how your research addresses issues relevant to women's health, society, and environmental factors in the Global South. Highlight the significance, potential applications, policy implications, and benefits especially for non-English speaking or underserved communities.
- Main Body: Present the full content of your research with clear headings and logical structure.
- Figures and Tables: Include all figures and tables at the end of the manuscript, following the references.
- Statements Page: Include the following declarations: Confirmation of original, unpublished work not under review elsewhere, Conflict of Interest Statement, Author Contributions, AI-Assisted Technology Disclosure, Acknowledgments



- References

Use Vancouver style referencing.

Required Forms

Along with your submissions you should you should submit the following signed forms:

- Authors' Contributions
- AI-Assisted Technology Disclosure
- Conflict of Interest Statement (ICMJE Form)
- Acknowledgments (with written consent of any named individuals)
- Copyright Permission (for any third-party content, signed by both author and publisher)

1. Author Contributions Form

The Authors' Contribution Form is designed to detail the specific roles and responsibilities of each author involved in the research and manuscript preparation. By clearly outlining individual contributions, we aim to maintain the integrity of the publication process and give proper credit to all contributors. Please fill out this form accurately, indicating the specific tasks and sections each author was responsible for, to facilitate a fair and transparent acknowledgment of all contributions. To ensure clarity and transparency in recognizing and listing the contributions of each author, we are providing the following guidelines.

Authorship

The authorship of your scientific manuscript should be based on four key criteria:

1. Substantial contributions: This includes the conception or design of the work, or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data.
2. Drafting and reviewing: Involves drafting the work or critically reviewing it for important intellectual content.
3. Final approval: Authors must give final approval of the version to be published.
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Authors should be able to identify which co-authors are responsible for specific parts of the work and have confidence in the integrity of

their co-authors' contributions.

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All designated authors should meet all four criteria. Those who do not should be acknowledged but not listed as authors.

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We require co-authorship with colleagues in the locations where the research is conducted.

Authors Consent

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4. Role of the funding source

All sources of funding should be declared as an acknowledgment at the end of the text. Authors must describe the role of the study sponsor(s), if any, in study design; in the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data; in the writing of the report; and in the decision to submit the paper for publication.

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Appropriate written consents, permissions, and releases must be obtained where you wish to include any case details, personal information, and/or images of patients or other individuals in The Lancet journals in order to comply with all applicable laws and regulations concerning privacy and/or security of personal information. Studies on patients or volunteers need approval from an ethics committee and informed consent from participants. These should be documented in your paper.

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Sex and Gender Definitions

In human research, "sex" and "gender" are complex, evolving concepts influenced by both biology and society. "Sex" may refer to biological attributes or to a categorization made at birth based on visible anatomy, while "gender" encompasses the social roles, behaviors, and



identities shaped by cultural and historical contexts. These constructs are not binary or static but exist on a spectrum that includes diverse sex categorizations and gender identities, such as intersex, non-binary, and more. It's crucial for researchers to clearly describe how they collect and report data related to sex and gender, using precise terms like "sex assigned at birth" and employing a two-step process for ascertaining gender identity and sex assigned at birth. This approach enhances the accuracy and inclusivity of research, acknowledging the fluidity and spectrum of sex and gender, and addressing the potential limitations of traditional categorizations.

What happens after you submit your paper?

How Global Women's Science, Nature and Society handles your paper

Acknowledgment

Receipt of your paper will be acknowledged by an email containing a reference number, which should be used in all future communications. Checking for plagiarism, duplicate publication, and text recycling. At our discretion, material that we are interested in publishing will be checked by editors using CrossCheck (see Lancet 2011; 377: 281–82). We expect that such papers are written in a way that offers new thinking without recycling previously published text.

Peer review

Global Women's Science, Nature and Society operates a doubled-anonymised peer-review process. On submission to Global Women's Science, Nature and Society, your report will first be read by one or more of the editors. That decision will be communicated quickly. Research papers are followed by peer review by at least three reviewers. You will receive notification of which editor is handling the peer review of your paper.

Decision

Submissions that survive in-house and peer review might be referred back to authors for revision. This is an invitation to present the best possible paper for further scrutiny by the journal; it is not an acceptance. Authors should give priority to such revisions; the journal will

reciprocate by making a final decision quickly. Two copies of the revised version should be sent back, one of which should be highlighted to show where changes have been made. Detailed responses to reviewers' comments, in a covering letter, are also necessary.

Peer review Process

The process begins with our editorial team meticulously selecting papers that align with our journal's scope and meet our publication criteria. Should your paper be accepted for peer review, we aim to in-form you of this decision within three weeks of your submission. Selected papers are then forwarded to our reviewers, who are given between one to two months to thoroughly review your work and provide detailed comments.

Following the review, we will contact you with the reviewers' comments along with an editorial decision, which may range from acceptance (with major or minor changes required) to rejection within three months. We encourage authors to refer to our list of article types to understand which submissions undergo peer review and which do not. Articles exempt from peer review are directly considered by the Editor-in-Chief and members of the editorial board.

Free Language Editing

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All figures will be redrawn into Journal of Women's Health and Wellbeing style by our in-house illustrators.

You will receive a proof from an Assistant Editor. That proof should be corrected and returned within 48 hours.

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We require an extended abstract in the local



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Submission of work that contains significant portions of text, ideas, or findings from another source without proper attribution.

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Making up data or results and recording or reporting them, or manipulating research data and images to misrepresent the results.

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Submitting the same manuscript, in whole or in part, to more than one journal simultaneously.

Conflict of Interest Non-disclosure

Failing to disclose financial or personal relationships that could bias research outcomes.

Authorship Disputes

Misrepresenting who contributed to the work or excluding contributors from proper acknowledgment.

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Conducting research without obtaining appropriate ethical approval or not following ethical guidelines for the humane treatment of subjects.

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- Readers: Members of the scientific community or the public who come across published work and suspect ethical violations or misconduct.
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