

Instructions to Authors

Aims and Scope

Exercise Medicine is an open access, peer-reviewed journal that aims to bridge the gap between research and practice in exercise and health promotion and in the disease prevention and treatment, and understanding of human performance and health. Exercise Medicine has a special focus on definitive articles that interpret and evaluate the current literature to provide the rationale for, and application of, research findings for exercise specialists and physiologists, physicians, physical therapists, trainers, and the like. The journal publishes research articles, clinical studies, case studies, and brief reports on current topics in sports and exercise medicine. Exercise Medicine also welcomes the submission of high-quality review articles and meta-analyses in the above fields.

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- Sports and Exercise Medicine
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- Health Promotion
- Epidemiology
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