

Editorial Rules of the Editorial Committee for the *Japanese Journal of Developmental Psychology*

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Article 1 (Purpose)

These Rules, pursuant to Article 4 of the “Regulations of the Editorial Committee for the *Japanese Journal of Developmental Psychology*,” set forth the matters necessary for editorial work.

Article 2 (Content)

The *Japanese Journal of Developmental Psychology* (hereinafter “the Journal”) is the official journal of the Japan Society of Developmental Psychology (hereinafter, “JSDP”) and publishes high-quality and diverse research in developmental psychology and related fields that contribute to the advancement and stimulation of developmental research.

Article 3 (Number of Issues)

The Journal publishes one volume of four issues per fiscal year.

Article 4 (Categories of Articles)

1. The categories of articles published in the Journal are: Original Articles, Practice Articles, Brief Reports, Review/Outlook Articles, and Opinion Articles.
2. Articles consist of manuscripts submitted by members (hereinafter “submitted manuscripts”) and manuscripts solicited by the Editorial Committee (hereinafter “invited manuscripts”).
3. All articles are subject to review. As a rule, review is conducted in accordance with the provisions of the “Internal Rules of the Editorial Committee for the *Japanese Journal of Developmental Psychology*.”
4. For invited manuscripts, the fact that they are invited shall be clearly indicated at the time of publication.

Article 5 (Ethics)

1. Manuscripts must not violate any research ethics. If an ethical concern is raised during the review process, procedures for examining the ethical issue shall be taken in accordance with the “Internal Rules for the Examination of Ethical Issues in the Review of Manuscripts.”
2. Authors are required, in accordance with the “Guidelines on Conflict of Interest (COI),” to declare any conflicts of interest related to their research.

Article 6 (Conditions for Submission)

For submitted manuscripts, at least the first author must be a member of the JSDP. Details regarding submission are stipulated in the “Submission Rules of the Editorial Committee for the *Japanese Journal of Developmental Psychology*.”

Article 7 (Editorial Committee and Editing)

The editing of the Journal is carried out by the Editorial Committee for the *Japanese Journal of Developmental Psychology* (hereinafter “the Committee”), which consists of the Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editor(s), and Editorial Board Members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Society. Details of editorial procedures are stipulated in the “Internal Rules of the Editorial Committee for the *Japanese Journal of Developmental Psychology*.”

Article 8 (Review Criteria)

1. Review outcomes are classified as “Accept,” “Revise and Resubmit,” and “Reject.”
“Accept” means that the manuscript is judged to meet the publication standards of the Journal as is or after revision. “Revise and Resubmit” means that there is insufficient information to judge whether the manuscript meets the publication standards and that a further review after revision is necessary. As a rule, “Revise and Resubmit” is permitted only once. When the decision is “Accept” or “Revise and Resubmit,” authors shall revise their manuscripts in accordance with the comments stated in the notification of the review result. Specific procedures for revision are stipulated in the “Submission Rules of the Editorial Committee for the *Japanese Journal of Developmental Psychology*.”
“Reject” means that the manuscript does not fit the aims of the Journal or is judged not to meet the publication standards.

2. The basic review criterion is whether the manuscript constitutes a new contribution to the academic field. In applying this criterion, sufficient attention shall be paid to the fact that a variety of aspects—such as theory, originality of ideas, methods, data, and practical significance—may all serve as bases for contributions. In determining the review outcome, the Committee shall, in principle, actively evaluate the strengths of a manuscript and judge it acceptable for publication if its merits compensate for its weaknesses and shortcomings.
3. The length of manuscripts shall conform to Article 7 of the “Submission Rules of the Editorial Committee for the *Japanese Journal of Developmental Psychology*.” Manuscripts that exceed the prescribed length may be flexibly allowed depending on the nature of the individual paper. However, this is a measure to accommodate diverse research and does not imply that redundant expressions are permitted.
4. The review is conducted via the web, and reviewers shall, in principle, submit their review results to the Committee within one month after the start of the review.
5. Outside the Committee, the review shall be conducted with the authors’ names concealed.

Article 9 (Appeals Against Review Results)

If the author of a submitted manuscript objects to the review result, they may submit a written rebuttal to the Committee within six months of receiving the notification of the review result. The Committee shall respond in writing.

Article 10 (Unpublished Work)

1. Only manuscripts that have not been previously published are eligible for review.
2. Papers published in academic or general journals, bulletins of universities or research institutions, institutional repositories, or academic or general books are regarded as published works, and manuscripts that are identical or substantially the same as such papers may not be submitted to the Journal. However, prior registration of a manuscript on a preprint server (e.g., Jxiv) before submission to the Journal is permitted.
3. Even when a manuscript is based on the same data as a paper that has been published, is in press, or is under review, it may be regarded as a separate manuscript and thus be eligible for review if additional data have been collected or re-analysis has been conducted, and if the text and tables/figures have been newly written and substantially develop the original paper.

Article 11 (Duplicate Submission)

1. The same manuscript must not be submitted to multiple journals. Manuscripts that are identical in content to papers already published in journals, books, etc.
2. When duplicate submission is confirmed, if the manuscript has already been published in the Journal, procedures for deleting the article shall be taken; if the manuscript is under review, the review shall be terminated immediately. After investigation of the facts, the matter shall be made public, including the author's name, in the "Information" section of the Journal, and the editorial organizations of the other journal(s) to which the manuscript has been, or is being, submitted shall also be informed of the facts.

Article 12 (Original Articles)

Original Articles are articles concerning issues or topics related to development and may include, as far as possible, a wide range of work such as empirical studies based on numerical data, theoretical discussions, and analyses based on case studies.

Article 13 (Practice Articles)

Practice Articles are research articles that involve practical activities on issues or topics related to development and may cover diverse areas such as childcare and education, clinical and counseling psychology, developmental support and rehabilitation, parenting support, services for older adults, and consultation. Analyses based on quantitative or qualitative data related to practice are required, and practical significance should be emphasized.

Article 14 (Brief Reports)

Brief Reports are concise reports of studies on issues or topics related to development and may include exploratory or early stage studies that stimulate new discussions, extensions or replications of previous research, and the development of new research methods.

Article 15 (Review/Outlook Articles)

Review/Outlook Articles are research articles that provide an overview of domestic and international studies on issues or topics related to development and present a comprehensive outlook on this body of work.

Article 16 (Opinion Articles)

An “Opinion” section shall be established to publish very short papers, such as commentaries on articles published in the Journal and opinions on JSDP’s activities. These are reviewed and published as Opinion Articles in accordance with the procedures stipulated in Article 8.

Article 17 (Special Issues and Special Sections)

1. With the approval of the Committee, an entire issue may be designated as a special issue on a particular theme, or part of an issue may be designated as a special section.
2. A special issue or special section may consist primarily of invited manuscripts, primarily of submitted manuscripts solicited through an open call, or a combination of both.
3. In special issues and special sections, manuscripts may be prepared in English only when approved by the responsible editor. In such cases, formatting shall, in principle, follow the Submission Rules.
4. The handling of manuscripts in special issues and special sections is stipulated in the “Internal Rules of the Editorial Committee for the *Japanese Journal of Developmental Psychology*.”

Article 18 (Editorial Committee News)

An “Editorial Committee News” section shall be established to provide, as appropriate, information from the Committee to members, for example to support the writing of manuscripts.

Article 19 (Information Section)

An “Information” section shall be established to publish reports on the JSDP’s administrative activities and related matters.

Article 20 (Printing Costs and Offprints)

As a general rule, printing costs for accepted manuscripts are borne by the JSDP. However, items such as illustrations and photographs that require particularly high printing costs shall be borne by the authors. Ten offprints will be provided to the authors free of charge; if the authors request additional offprints, the printing costs will be borne by the authors.

Article 21 (Prohibition of Unauthorized Reproduction and Reprinting)

Copyright in articles published in the Journal belongs to JSDP, and unauthorized reproduction or reprinting is prohibited. However, authors may reproduce or reprint their own articles in dissertations, papers, or books, provided that the source is clearly indicated. Matters concerning

posting on the web are stipulated in the “Submission Rules of the Editorial Committee for the *Japanese Journal of Developmental Psychology*.”

Article 22 (Administrative Procedures)

Administrative work related to the editing of the Journal shall be carried out by the Secretariat of the JSDP.

Article 23 (Revision)

Any revision of these Rules shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

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