



Submit Smarter, Not Harder: Sexually Transmitted Diseases Introduces Simple Submission

We have exciting news for our author community: Sexually Transmitted Diseases is launching a simple submission process (also known as format-neutral submission), making it easier than ever to share your important research with our readers.

What This Means for You

Starting April 13, 2026, you can submit your manuscript in any format - no more wrestling with reference styles, figure placement, or section ordering before your initial submission. Focus your energy where it belongs: on the science.

All we need from you is:

- A complete manuscript file (Word, PDF)
- Your figures and tables
- Content that will support an initial science review

Why We're Making This Change

Research shows that scientists spend countless hours reformatting manuscripts for different journals—time that could be spent advancing your research. We believe your innovative work on STDs and related fields deserves a submission process that respects your time and eliminates unnecessary barriers.

This means:

- Faster submissions – No more delays while you adjust formatting details on the front-end

- Easier resubmissions – If transferring from another journal, submit as-is
- More time for science – Spend your energy on research

Your Submission, Your Way

Whether you prefer APA, AMA, Vancouver, or another citation style, submit what works for you. Only after your manuscript is accepted will we ask you to format according to STD's Information for Authors guidelines.

This means:

- Faster submissions – No more delays while you adjust formatting details upfront
- Easier resubmissions – If transferring from another journal, submit as-is
- Format once, not multiple times – Only invest time in detailed formatting for the journal that accepts your work
- More time for science – Spend your energy on research during the review process, not style guides

What Doesn't Change

Our commitment to rigorous peer review, scientific excellence, and the advancement of STDs and related fields remains unwavering. A simple submission simply removes obstacles between your research and our expert reviewers.

Ready to Submit?

Join the growing number of authors who choose STD for author-friendly policies and rapid, constructive peer review. Visit our [submission portal](#) to get started.