

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Deadline: 1 December 2021

This is a call for abstracts proposing research articles for a Supplement of the *Journal of the International AIDS Society* (JIAS), titled "Ageing with HIV," to be published in October 2022.

The Editors invite submissions on "Ageing with HIV" from across different scientific disciplines, including implementation science and social science. While papers reporting original research are especially sought, commentaries, reviews and other discursive articles also will be considered for this Supplement (see Submissions below for further details).

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BACKGROUND

As living with HIV has become a chronic health condition globally, it is widely accepted that other health issues will affect the quality of life of people living with HIV and increase their need to access wider health services to reduce morbidity and mortality. A number of factors play a role in the process of ageing with HIV, including the biological mechanisms associated with HIV infection and level of viraemic control, evolving interactions and effects of HIV treatments, as well as other factors that are not directly related to HIV or HIV treatment. In addition to an older population, which requires management of comorbidities, children and adolescents ageing with HIV also require age-appropriate care and support for emerging non-communicable disease risks.

Recently, the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected older people and people with comorbidities. As recent findings from the World Health Organization's Global Clinical Platform indicate [1], HIV infection is a significant independent risk factor for both severe/critical COVID-19 presentation at hospital admission and in-hospital mortality. Similarly, the UNAIDS Global AIDS Update published in July 2021 highlights evidence that people living with HIV are more vulnerable to COVID-19 [2]. People ageing with HIV, particularly if they have comorbidities such as cardiovascular illness and diabetes, may suffer long-term, post-COVID-19 repercussions, evidence of which is only now starting to emerge.

Strained health systems and increasing awareness about the complex and evolving health needs of people ageing with HIV highlight that it is more timely than ever to analyse and share good practice examples of integrated and/or differentiated health service delivery to maximize access to inclusive and quality care.

IAS – the International AIDS Society – is therefore calling for papers to launch a JIAS Supplement on "Ageing with HIV" in October 2022, spotlighting the latest scientific evidence, best practices and leading community perspectives from around the world, including from low- and middle-income countries.

SUBMISSIONS

The scope of this call is global, and we strongly encourage submissions from researchers in low- and middle-income countries. Research, Short report, Review, Debate and Commentary contributions will be considered, with a particular emphasis on original research. Data disaggregation by sex, gender and age is advised in accordance with JIAS standards. Submissions may include research conducted in any setting (e.g., geographic location, population, age, health sector), encompassing, but not limited to, the following, which may apply to older adults as well as adolescents and young adults with perinatally acquired HIV:

- Quality of life and HIV treatment outcomes for people ageing with HIV, including adolescents and young adults with perinatally acquired HIV
- Non-communicable diseases and ageing with HIV

- Impact of socio-economic factors on ageing with HIV in low- and middle-income countries
- Best practice models of integrated service delivery for people ageing with HIV
- Health system responses to address multimorbidity in people ageing with HIV
- Ageing with HIV during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Person-centred care considerations for people ageing with HIV, including those related to intersectionality and diverse demographics, including for men who have sex with men, sex workers, people who use drugs and transgender people
- Structural determinants of health such as health financing, laws and policies in relation to ageing with HIV
- Cultural practices in relation to ageing with HIV, such as inheritance rights, aged care, burial practices and estate and advanced care planning
- Perspectives that use a life course approach to assess transitions of health outcomes in people living with HIV
- Sexual behaviour among older populations ageing with HIV and at risk of HIV, including HIV transmission risk among sero-discordant sexual partners

ARTICLE SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Initial contributions should be in the form of abstracts written in English and specify the proposed category (Research, Short report, Review, Debate, Commentary).
- The journal holds Supplements to the same standards as other issues. Specifically, all manuscripts under consideration for inclusion in a Supplement must adhere to the journal's standards with regards to overall quality, types of articles, and types of content within the articles. Basic specifications as stipulated in the [Author Guidelines](#), including word counts and numbers of authors, must be adhered to.
- Authors are welcome to make initial enquiries about potential submissions by emailing pcc@iasociety.org.
- Abstracts should be emailed to pcc@iasociety.org with the subject line: "JIAS Supplement: Ageing with HIV."
- The deadline for submission of abstracts is **1 December 2021**. Invited full papers will be due by **19 January 2022**.

ARTICLE SELECTION PROCESS

- Initial abstract submissions will be reviewed by the Guest Editors.
- All abstract submitters will be notified about the outcome of their submission for the Supplement by **10 December 2021**.
- The deadline for the submission of **full manuscripts** to JIAS for invited articles is **19 January 2022**. Manuscripts must be written in English and conform to the journal style and format for each manuscript category (see [Author Guidelines](#)).
- Invitation and submission do not guarantee publication. Each manuscript invited by the Guest Editors to submit to JIAS will undergo editorial appraisal and peer review based on its individual merits. Only articles that are accepted after peer review will be published in the Supplement. Manuscripts that do not meet the journal's standards will be rejected.

IMPORTANT DATES

1 December 2021: Abstract submission closes

10 December 2021: Authors notified of the outcome of their abstract submission

19 January 2022: Submission of invited full manuscripts to JIAS

October 2022: Publication and launch of the Supplement

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