

**Call for
Submission**



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INTERNATIONALIS**
hanseníase e outras doenças infecciosas

**“Case Reports in Leprosy:
Shared Practice”
2026 Edition**

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Introduction:

The Alliance Against Leprosy Institute (AAL) is a nonprofit organization founded in 2018 that brings together science, education, and philanthropy to combat leprosy, with both national and international activities. *Hansenologia Internationalis: Leprosy and Other Infectious Diseases* is the official multidisciplinary, open-access scientific journal of the Lauro de Souza Lima Institute, part of the Health Services Coordination of the São Paulo State Department of Health, and the only Brazilian scientific journal dedicated to publishing articles on leprosy since 1976.

The teams of the Alliance Against Leprosy Institute and *Hansenologia Internationalis: Leprosy and Other Infectious Diseases* join efforts to invite the scientific community to submit original manuscripts in the “Case Report” category, focused on leprosy, for inclusion in the section “**Case Reports in Leprosy – Shared Practice**,” to be published in Volume 51 (2026). Submitted manuscripts must be unpublished and comply with the journal’s author guidelines.¹

Objectives:

- To promote the advancement of Hansenology through clinical practice;
- To contribute to the training of healthcare professionals in scientific production within the field;
- To support the scientific dissemination of clinical leprosy cases with the collaboration of the third sector.

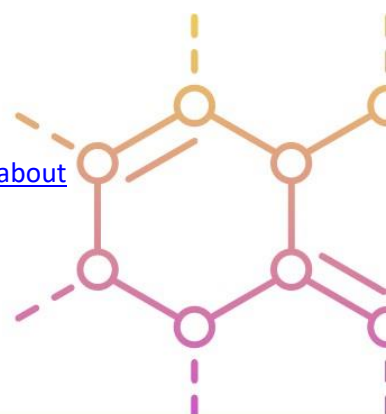
Submission Guidelines:

The editorial process will follow the standards, quality criteria, and scientific rigor of *Hansenologia Internationalis* for the publication of case reports, as outlined below:

Authorship:

- Manuscripts may be submitted by undergraduate and graduate students in medical and multidisciplinary fields (nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, psychology, pharmacy, biological sciences, biomedicine, nutrition, social work, and related areas), as well as residents and scientists/researchers with interest or experience in Hansenology;

¹ About the journal and Editorial Policy: <https://periodicos.saude.sp.gov.br/hansenologia/about>
Author Guidelines: <https://periodicos.saude.sp.gov.br/hansenologia/about/submissions>



- Students currently enrolled in higher-education programs in medical or multidisciplinary fields must *necessarily* be supervised by professionals holding a Master's or Doctoral degree in the same field or in related areas, in accordance with the procedures of the Plataforma Brasil.
- Up to six (6) authors will be accepted per manuscript;
- Each author may submit only one clinical case as the primary author for this section, but there is no limit to participation as a co-author;
- All authors must have an [ORCID—Open Researcher and Contributor ID](#);
- All authors and co-authors must carefully read the submission guidelines and provide the required supplementary documentation.

Case Report

General Guidelines: Case reports must include a maximum of six authors, a title of up to 150 characters (in Portuguese, English, and Spanish), a structured abstract of up to 200 words (in Portuguese, English, and Spanish), three to five keywords (in Portuguese, English, and Spanish), a main text of up to 2,000 words, a maximum of 30 references, and up to six illustrations.

Text Structure: **Introduction:** a brief description of the problem and relevant information regarding the condition addressed. **Case Presentation:** a concise description of the most relevant data, including patient information, chief complaints, and results of examinations pertinent to the discussion. **Discussion and Conclusion:** a description of the relevance of the case, discussing the most significant points. **Final Comments or Considerations:** justification for presenting the case, including the diagnostic hypothesis and therapeutic approach.

Languages of Submission: Portuguese, English, or Spanish, according to the language of the country where the study originated.

Citations and References: Citations must follow the numerical system, and references must adhere to the Vancouver format, as presented in the [Author Guidelines](#).

Supplementary Documentation: **Letter to the Editor²:** indicating how the manuscript contributes to the section “Case Reports in Leprosy – Shared Practice”; **Title Page³:** fully completed with information regarding authorship and manuscript development; **Authorship and Responsibility Statement⁴:** to be completed and signed by all authors; **Ethical Aspects⁵:** the study registration number and the Free and Informed Consent Form (ICF) or the Assent Form must be included.

² The author must write a succinct letter to the editor (Word document) justifying how the case report contributes to the issue and to the field of study.

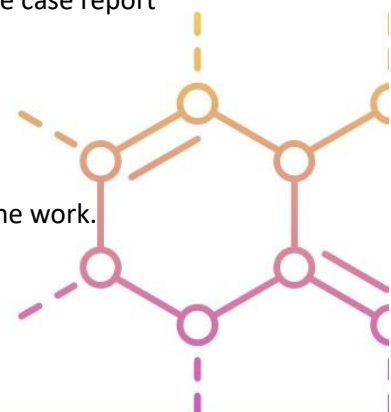
³ Available for download at:

<https://periodicos.saude.sp.gov.br/hansenologia/libraryFiles/downloadPublic/4>

⁴ Available for download at:

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⁵ Guidance must be obtained from the Research Ethics Committee (CEP) that evaluated the work.



All manuscripts must be submitted **exclusively** through the Open Journal Systems (OJS). Authors must access the journal's website and register at: <https://periodicos.saude.sp.gov.br/hansenologia/user/register>, following the system's instructions. During submission, select the section **"Case Reports in Leprosy – Shared Practice."**

Submission Period:

Manuscripts submitted under this call must be sent exclusively between **December 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026.**

Evaluation:

Original manuscripts submitted to the journal will first be assessed by the Executive Editorial Committee in a formal review stage (desk review), which verifies compliance with editorial guidelines, alignment with the journal's thematic scope, and similarity checks using the Similarity Check tool.

After approval in the initial stage, the manuscript will be forwarded to at least two specialists for **double-blind peer review**, which will assess originality, scientific relevance, clarity, methodological quality, ethical compliance, writing, and the study's potential impact. If there is disagreement between reviewers, a third reviewer may be invited.

All submitted articles will have the opportunity to incorporate the corrections recommended by reviewers and, if necessary, undergo a new evaluation round within deadlines established by the Editorial Committee.

The final decision on acceptance or rejection will rest with the journal's editorial team and the Editor-in-Chief and will be based solely on criteria of scientific excellence. The AAL Editorial Council will have no access to, nor any influence over, the evaluation process.

All approved articles will receive a score between **5 (five) and 10 (ten)**, assigned by the reviewers for classification and award purposes. In case of ties, the Special Editorial Committee for this call will invite three *ad hoc* reviewers to reassess the tied articles and assign new scores to determine the final ranking.

Authors may track the progress of the evaluation process by accessing the journal platform under the Submissions tab and selecting **"View pending submissions."**

Publication:

All case reports approved under this call will be published according to the journal's continuous publication model, in which articles are released individually as soon as all editorial stages are completed.

Awards:

The three highest-scoring articles will be selected, with awards assigned as follows:

- **1st Place:** R\$ 1,000.00 + trophy
- **2nd Place:** R\$ 500.00 + commemorative plaque
- **3rd Place:** commemorative plaque

Cases not covered by this call for submissions will be resolved by the Special Editorial Committee, composed of the AAL Editorial Council and the HI Editorial Council. In such cases, please contact: hansenologia.internationalis@gmail.com and aal@aal.org.br.

For further information on the editorial process, consult:

<https://periodicos.saude.sp.gov.br/hansenologia/about/submissions>.

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Curitiba, September 30, 2025

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