

From practice to progress: vision research in Scandinavia

The current issue of the Scandinavian Journal of Optometry and Visual Science (SJOVS) contains three papers and one scientific meeting abstract collection. These contributions present strong clinical and registry-based research and add updated knowledge for clinicians and researchers alike. This focus is also evident in the Kongsberg Vision Meeting abstracts, which span neuro-visual consequences of acquired brain injury, service development in primary eye care, and large-scale initiatives such as the SNOW school vision testing project, which has involved around 3,700 children.

Wehling et al. (2025) show that structured screening for visual deficits early after stroke is feasible in a stroke rehabilitation setting, and that visual impairment is common. Their findings support more systematic pathways for identifying vision- and neglect-related problems.

Sheppard et al. (2025) quantify functional costs of monocular viewing using online visuomotor tasks, highlighting the potential of scalable digital paradigms for studying visual deficits and everyday performance.

Gyllén et al. (2025) use data from the Paediatric Cataract Register (PECARE) to examine visual acuity testing after childhood cataract surgery, underscoring how variation in methods across

ages and clinics complicates scientific evaluation of visual development and why harmonisation of outcome measures matters.

We, the editors, continue to prioritise efficiency and quality. In 2025, SJOVS received several new submissions, and the average time to first editorial decision was 25 days. We also implemented a change in our publication schedule, moving from two issues per year to one annual issue. We thank the authors for submitting their work to SJOVS and the reviewers for their invaluable contributions to improving manuscripts and ensuring the quality of the material we publish, while maintaining SJOVS' **free-to-publish model with no author fees**.

We also continue to strengthen the journal's outreach, for example through SJOVS' LinkedIn page, which has gained hundreds of followers. Over the past year, we have expanded the editorial board, broadening the range of expertise supporting peer review and helping us further develop the quality of the journal. We take this opportunity to thank our new editorial board members for supporting SJOVS.

Looking ahead, we will continue to develop SJOVS as an open, free-to-publish, community-driven journal with strong Scandinavian roots. We look forward to publishing your research in 2026.

We wish all authors and readers a Happy New Year,

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