

Epilepsia Open[®] Annual Report 2023

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Two *Epilepsia Open* Prizes were presented to young investigators who published the best science in *Epilepsia Open* during the 2022 year:
 - Dr Nadia Kafui Adotevi (University of Virginia, USA) was awarded the Basic Science Prize for publishing: [Focal impaired awareness seizures in a rodent model: A functional anatomy](#), *Epilepsia Open* (2021).
 - Dr Ifrah Zawar (University of Virginia, USA) was awarded the Clinical Research Prize for publishing: [Risk factors that predict delayed seizure detection on continuous electroencephalogram \(cEEG\) in a large sample size of critically ill patients](#), *Epilepsia Open* (2021).
- We initiated an editorial internship for young investigators to participate in the editorial activities of our journal and mentorship by the senior editors of *Epilepsia Open*. We selected four young epileptologists for this one-year internship: Naoto Kuroda MD (Detroit MI, USA; Sendai, Japan), Jesus Servando Medel-Matus PhD (Los Angeles CA, USA; Mexico), Pedro Ruas Faro Viana MD (London, UK; Portugal), and Giulia Sofia Cereda MD (Monza, Italy).
- We created a position of Lived Experience Editor to help incorporate the community perspective in the open access publications of our journal and Action Amos MSc joined our editorial board.

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Epilepsia Open Prizes 2023

Basic Science

Focal impaired awareness seizures in a rodent model:
A functional anatomy

Nadia Adotevi¹ | Jaldeep Kapur^{1,2}



Nadia Kafui Adotevi PhD

Clinical Research

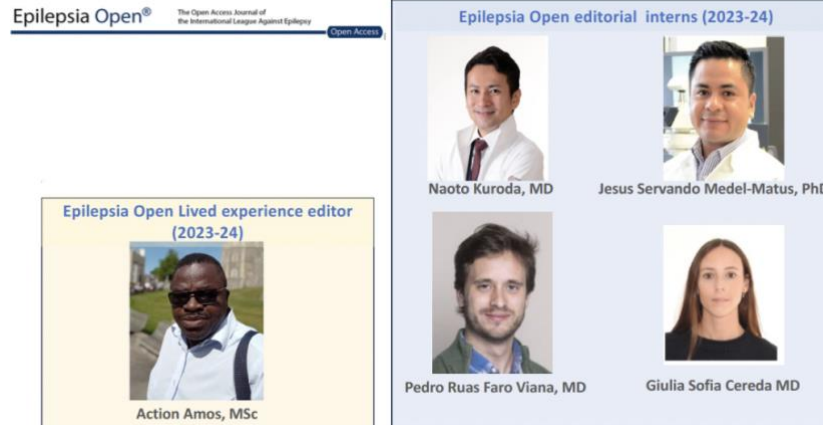
Risk factors that predict delayed seizure detection on
continuous electroencephalogram (cEEG) in a large sample
size of critically ill patients

Ifrah Zawar^{1,2} | Isaac Briskin³ | Stephen Hantus⁴



Ifrah Zawar MD

Awardees of the 2023 *Epilepsia Open* Prizes



The inaugural 2023-2024 *Epilepsia Open* Lived Experience editor, Action Amos, and editorial interns, Drs Naoto Kuroda, Pedro Ruas Faro Viana, Jesus Servando Medel-Matus, & Giulia Sofia Cereda

ACTIVITIES

- The *Epilepsia Open* Prizes were presented in a special session of the 35th International Epilepsy Congress in September 2024, where Drs Nadia Kafui Adotevi and Ifrah Zawar presented their published research.
- The selection of the inaugural lived experience editor (Action Amos MSc) and editorial interns (Drs Naoto Kuroda, Pedro Ruas Faro Viana, Jesus Servando Medel-Matus, and Giulia Sofia Cereda) was a major milestone initiative.
- A special issue celebrating the legacy of Dr Claude Wasterlain was published, including a collection of articles on status epilepticus.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *Epilepsia Open*'s submissions have almost doubled since 2022.
- Submitted articles include a combination of clinical (80%) and basic science and translational research (20%) articles.
- Most of the articles submitted to *Epilepsia Open* are directly submitted to the journal (92%) rather than transfers.
- The range of countries submitting to *Epilepsia Open* increased to 56 in 2023 from 38 in 2022.
- *Epilepsia Open* published twice as many articles in 2023 than in 2022, even though the acceptance rate is currently 57.8%.
- Despite the general drop in journal impact factors, *Epilepsia Open*'s impact factor for 2023 was 3, maintaining the journal in a very competitive position among epilepsy-oriented journals.
- The full text views of articles published in *Epilepsia Open* increased by 50% compared to 2022.

MEETINGS

- An editorial board meeting was organized on 5 September 2024 at the 35th International Epilepsy Congress in Dublin, Ireland.
- Multiple Zoom sessions were organized with the inaugural editorial interns and the lived experience editor to discuss the program and activities planned with them and further adapt the curriculum based on the expectations and interests of the interns. A series of “Meet the editor” Zoom sessions with participation of the senior editors were organized.
- The senior editors also met at Hoboken (9-10 June 2023) with the publication council, ILAE leadership and Wiley to discuss the progress and future of the journal. They also attended the zoom meetings of the publication council.

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