Two years ago on Oct 18, 2016, we announced the official launch of AME Medical Journal (AMJ). Today, we are glad to celebrate its two-year anniversary (Figure 1), and present the annual report here.

For this journal, our audacious goal was to bring comprehensive academic knowledge to young physicians and surgeons in a vivid and interesting way and in turn, benefiting patients. Since its launch, AMJ has strived to keep abreast of developments in a wide spectrum of medical fields.

Our renewed and grateful thanks go to all editors, authors, and reviewers who have been supportive, and have devoted much of their time and effort in nurturing AMJ. This continuous support has been pivotal to the development of the journal.

In the times to come, AMJ will remain committed to innovation and to open access, including helping to ensure the widest possible readership for all articles published in the journal. Our goal for the next year is to publish more good original studies, reviews, case reports, etc., to extend the most up-to-date information in the wide medical fields.

Below is the annual report of AMJ. The data is updated till 30 Sept. 2018.

Articles published and international authors

We are delighted by AMJ’s growth, visibility, and rate of development. It is reflected in the contributions of authors that have come from many parts of the world, including USA, Japan, Canada, Germany, UK, etc. The wide international spread of authors is one unique characteristic of the journal.

In less than 2 years, we have published a total of 285 articles, including 23 original articles, 40 review articles, 24 case reports, 168 invited editorials focused on hot issues in a wide spectrum of medical fields (Figure 2). All articles are available online (http://AMJ.amegroups.com/issue/all).

The authors come from a large variety of countries, demonstrating international diversity in the published works. Of the 289 corresponding authors who have contributed to AMJ, 31 countries/regions from 5 continents (North America, Europe, Asia, Oceania, and South America) are represented (Figure 3).

Table 1 shows the citation history of several AMJ authors. AMJ strives to maintain a steady yet rapid development pace with the help of the involvement and contribution of prominent authors.

AMJ always recognizes the importance of international collaborations, and seeks to promote itself as an international journal. In 2018, we have also carried out a serials of international collaborative projects cooperated with renowned experts worldwide (Figure 4).

NIH-funding articles

Embracing remarkable authors throughout the world, AMJ
Figure 2  Article types of published articles.

Figure 3  Geographical distribution of corresponding authors.

Table 1  Citation history of some corresponding authors

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Figure 4 International collaborative projects that we’ve organized and published in AMJ in 2018.
has published a large number of great articles supported by various research grants, including the National Institutes of Health Grant, American Heart Association, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) to TP, Medica Sur Clinic & Foundation, and many others from different countries and foundations.

Striving for novel, high-quality, and valuable content, the editorial office have approached some renowned experts, who were supported by the NIH funding to write for AMJ, and some of them have published their contribution (Figure 5).

Figure 5 Some NIH-funded articles published in AMJ.
For the upcoming 2019, more efforts will be put to encourage a continuous flow of high-quality content for the journal.

Under our joint-efforts, AMJ is gaining momentum and attracting interest from readers worldwide. Based on data from Google Analysis, AMJ had about 2,800 visits per month, and the main readers are from US, China, India, UK, Canada, Japan, etc. Figure 6 shows the top 10 countries that our readers are from.

**Figure 6** Top 10 countries—geographical distribution of AMJ readers.

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**Widespread locale of Editorial Team**

Figure 7 demonstrates AMJ’s internationally diverse editorial board: 27% of the editorial board members come from the USA, 13% from Italy, 13% from Mainland China, 10% from Germany, 10% from UK, and 27% from other regions including Canada, Japan, Belgium. The widespread locale allows closer international collaboration between AMJ and its authors.

AMJ’s steady growth is largely owing to the editorial board members’ active involvement and contribution. Their enthusiastic and generous support encouraged a continuous flow of high-quality content in AMJ (Table 2).

**Published Focused Issues in AMJ**

To date, AMJ has published 4 focused issues led by prominent experts worldwide in various fields. Each issue targets a specific significant topic, gathering remarkable experts of the topical field in one place (Figure 8).

Additionally, plans have been made to explore the following topics (Table 3). More efforts will be put to encourage a continuous flow of high-quality focused issues for the journal for the upcoming 2019.
Table 2 The H-index and citation history of some AMJ Editorial Board Members

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