

Happy Birthday *AME Medical Journal*: we are two years old

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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

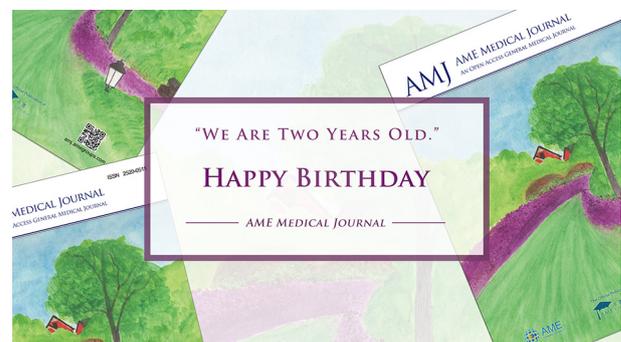


Figure 1 Happy Birthday *AME Medical Journal*: we are two years old.

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 series of international collaborative projects cooperated with renowned experts worldwide (*Figure 4*).

NIH-funding articles

Embracing remarkable authors throughout the world, *AMJ*

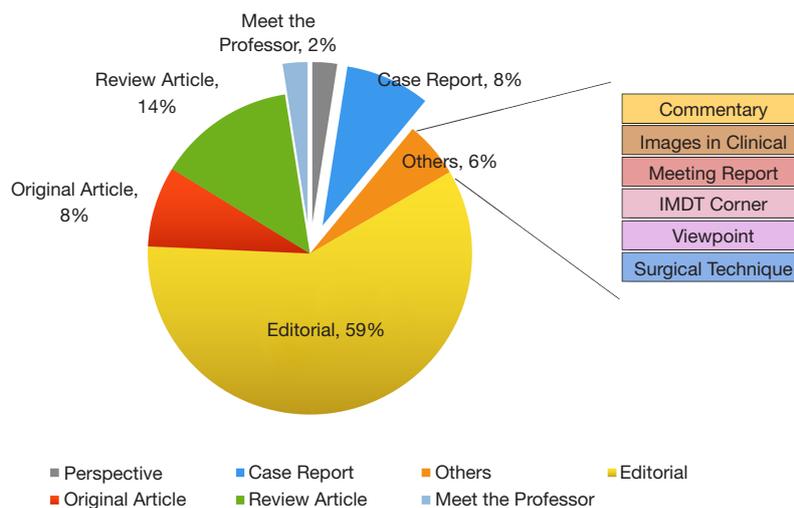


Figure 2 Article types of published articles.

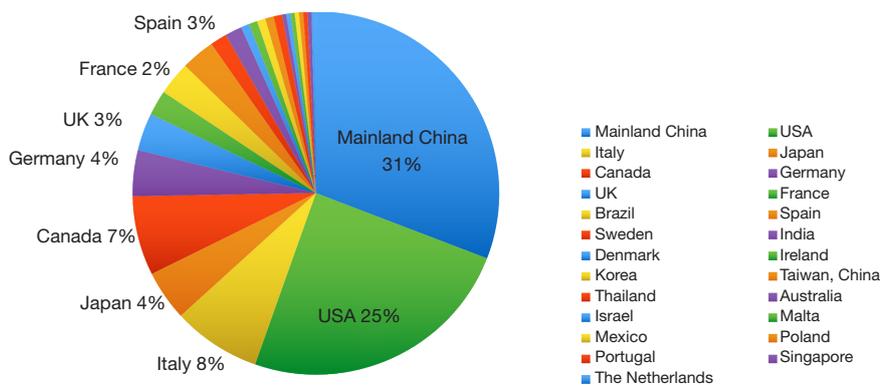


Figure 3 Geographical distribution of corresponding authors.

Table 1 Citation history of some corresponding authors

Corresponding author	Affiliation	H-index	Citation
Emre Gorgun	Department of Colorectal Surgery, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH, USA	20	1,613
Carsten Stephan	Department of Urology, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, D-10117 Berlin, Germany	49	7,679
Ran Schwarzkopf	NYU Langone Health, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, NYU Langone Orthopedic Hospital, New York, NY, USA	16	1,231
Eric Yoshida	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada	38	7,760
Derek F. Amanatullah	Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Stanford Hospital and Clinics, Redwood City, CA, USA	11	695
D. Kyle Hogarth	Associate Professor of Medicine, Director of Bronchoscopy, Section of Pulmonary & Critical Care, University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, IL, USA	17	699
Norah Terrault	Department of Gastroenterology/Hepatology, University of California, San Francisco, CA, USA	48	8,791
Jon D. Lurie	Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, 1 Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH, USA	21	2,042
Scott T. Tagawa	Division of Hematology and Medical Oncology, Weill Cornell Medicine, NY, USA	26	3,345
Marianne D. Sadar	Genome Sciences Centre, BC Cancer, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1L3, Canada	29	2,939

Review Article

The technique of cortical bone trajectory screw fixation in spine surgery: a comprehensive literature review

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Review Article

The impact of obesity through fat depots and adipokines on bone homeostasis

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IMDT Corner

Should red blood cell transfusion be immediately given to a cirrhotic patient with active upper gastrointestinal bleeding?

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Review Article

Association between CYP17A1 polymorphisms and response to abiraterone in patients with metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer: a systematic review

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Figure 4 International collaborative projects that we've organized and published in *AMJ* in 2018.

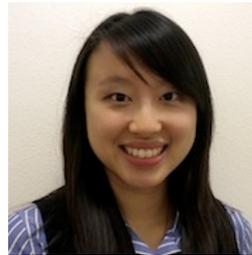


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Review Article: Bronchial thermoplasty: an update for the interventional pulmonologist

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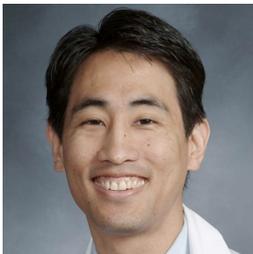


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Editorial: Immune tolerant HBV and HCC: time to revise our tolerance levels for therapy?

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Editorial: Abiraterone survival benefit is independent of pain, prostate-specific antigen and Gleason sum in men with chemo-naïve metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (analysis of COU-AA-302)

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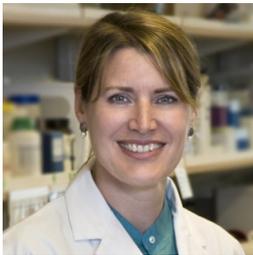


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Editorial: Does increased expression of glucocorticoid receptor support application of antagonists to this receptor for the treatment of castration resistant prostate cancer?

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Figure 5 Some NIH-funded articles published in *AMJ*.

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*).

Country	Users	% Users
1. United States	7,453	29.18%
2. China	3,985	15.60%
3. India	1,555	6.09%
4. United Kingdom	1,197	4.69%
5. Canada	952	3.73%
6. Japan	677	2.65%
7. Australia	648	2.54%
8. Italy	569	2.23%
9. Germany	456	1.79%
10. Brazil	436	1.71%

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

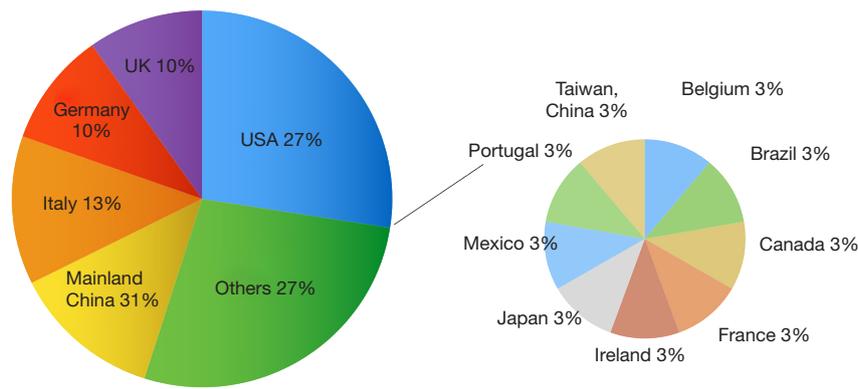


Figure 7 Geographical distribution of Editorial Board.

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.

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

Name	Affiliation	H-index	Sum of the times cited
Eric Yoshida	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada	38	7,760
Hiran C. Fernando	Boston University, Boston Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts, USA	34	3,859
Frank Tacke	University Hospital Aachen, Aachen, Germany	45	6,633
Wilbert S. Aronow	New York Medical College/Westchester Medical Center, Valhalla, NY, USA	36	6,964
Valerio De Stefano	Institute of Hematology, Catholic University, Rome, Italy	35	5,475
Manuela Merli	Sapienza' University of Rome, Rome, Italy	39	4,837
Marc Leone	Aix Marseille University, North Hospital, Assistance Publique - Hôpitaux de Marseille, Marseille, France	29	3,375
Walter T. McNicholas	St. Vincent's University Hospital, Conway Institute of Biomolecular and Biomedical Research, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland	36	4,697
Rolf Teschke	Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Klinikum Hanau, Hanau, Germany	23	1,337
Dhanunjaya Lakkireddy	University of Kansas Hospital, Kansas City, KS, USA	23	1,959
Ghassan Abou-Alfa	Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, USA	20	2,426

Topic: Management of complex airway and pleural diseases

Guest Editors:



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Erik E. Folch, MD
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Topic: Liver Transplantation

Guest Editors:



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Trana Hussaini, BSc(Pharm), ACP
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Topic: Holistic Integrative Medicine

Guest Editors:



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Zhiping Yang, PhD
Xijing Hospital of Digestive Diseases,
Fourth Military Medical University,
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Xingshun Qi, MD, PhD
General Hospital of Shenyang Military
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Topic: Update on Lung Cancer Screening and the Management of CT Screening Detected Pulmonary Nodules

Guest Editors:



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Myrna Godoy, MD
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**Ricardo Sales dos Santos, MD,
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Figure 8 Published Focused Issues.

Table 3 Focused issues in plan

Topic	Guest Editors	Affiliation
Circulating Tumour Cells	Luca Bertolaccini, MD, PhD, FCCP	Department of Thoracic Surgery, AUSL Romagna Teaching Hospital, Ravenna, Italy
	Piergiorgio Solli, MD, PhD	Department of Thoracic Surgery, Maggiore Hospital and Bellaria Hospital, Bologna, Italy
When Surgeons Become Patients	Alan Dart Loon Sihoe, MBBChir, MA (Cantab), FRCSEd (CTh), FCSHK, FHKAM, FCCP	Department of Surgery, The University of Hong Kong, Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong, China

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