



Happy birthday *AME Medical Journal*: we are three years old

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Three years ago on Oct 18, 2016, the multidisciplinary open access journal *AME Medical Journal* (“*AMJ*” for short) was born with an aim to bring comprehensive academic knowledge to young physicians and surgeons in a vivid and interesting way and in turn, benefiting patients, and a promise to challenge the traditions of publishing (*Figure 1*). The yearly observation of the journal is rewarding (1,2). Getting one year older, *AMJ* is consolidated in terms of publication quality with a growing number of readerships. The past one year has witnessed some exciting progresses of *AMJ* in tandem with its branded sister *AME Case Reports* (“*ACR*” for short) (3). The coming October 18, we are going to launch the third AME-branded journal, namely *AME Surgical Journal* (“*ASJ*” for short) (4). Strategically, *AMJ*, *ACR* and *ASJ* will epitomize the focuses of AME office on the publication of medicine, clinical cases and surgery. The definition of the focuses will further facilitate the journal’s forward step and better carry on the dream of AME (5).

The third anniversary of *AMJ*

Since its launch, *AMJ* has strived to keep abreast of developments in a wide spectrum of medical fields. We are mostly grateful to a number of dedicated editors, reviewers, and authors. Their continuous support has been essential to the development of the journal. We will continue to seek out the highest quality and most influential research.

Below is the annual report of *AMJ*. The data is updated till 30 Sept. 2019.

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, Italy, Canada, Japan, Germany, UK, etc. The wide international spread of authors is one unique characteristic of the journal.

In 3 years, we have published a total of 339 articles, including 29 original articles, 50 review articles, 28 case reports, 185 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 343 corresponding authors who have contributed to *AMJ*, 31 countries/regions are represented (*Figure 3*).

Widespread locale of Editorial Team

Figure 4 demonstrates *AMJ*’s internationally diverse editorial board: 31% of the editorial board members come from the USA, 17% from China, 10% from Japan, 9% from Italy, 8% from UK, 4% from Germany, 4% from Canada, 4% from Switzerland, and 13% from other regions including France, Poland, Ireland, etc. The widespread locale allows closer international collaboration between *AMJ* and its authors.

Under our joint-efforts, *AMJ* is gaining momentum and attracting interest from readers worldwide. Based on data from Google Analysis, *AMJ* had an increasing number of visitors (all together 76,575 worldwide and 180,949 pageviews) and the main readers are from US, China, India, UK, Canada, etc. *Figure 5* shows the top 10 countries that our readers are from.

Published focused issues in *AMJ*

To date, *AMJ* has published 4 focused issues led by prominent experts worldwide in various fields. Each issue

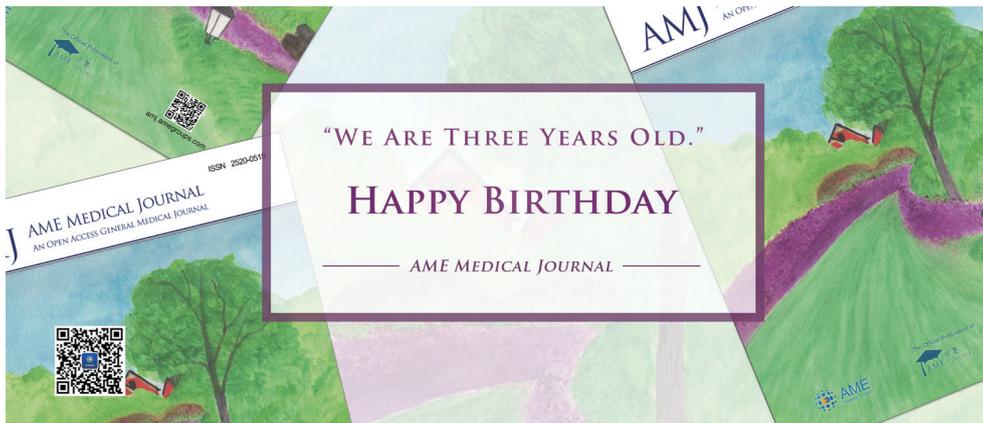


Figure 1 Happy birthday AME Medical Journal: we are three years old.

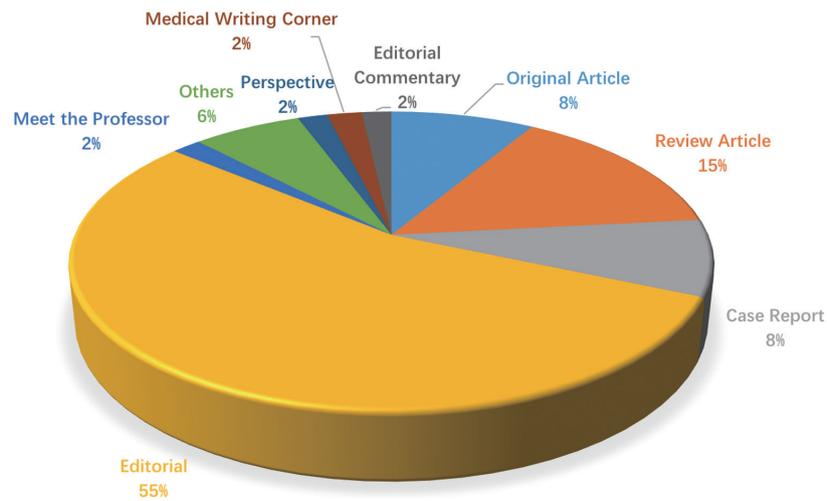


Figure 2 Article types of published articles.

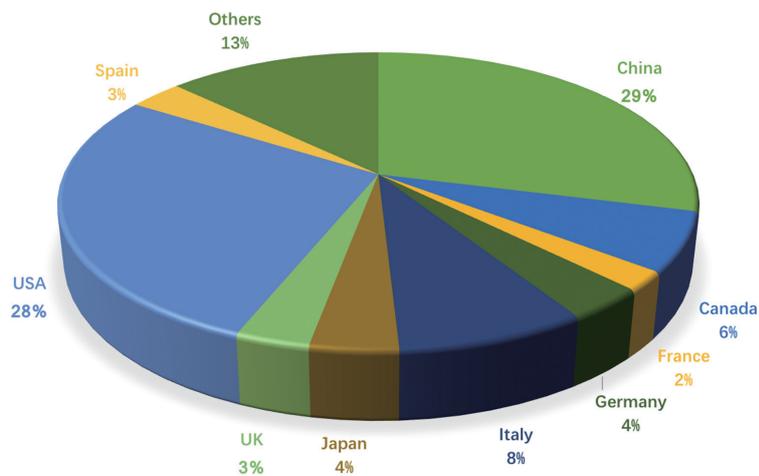


Figure 3 Geographical distribution of corresponding authors.

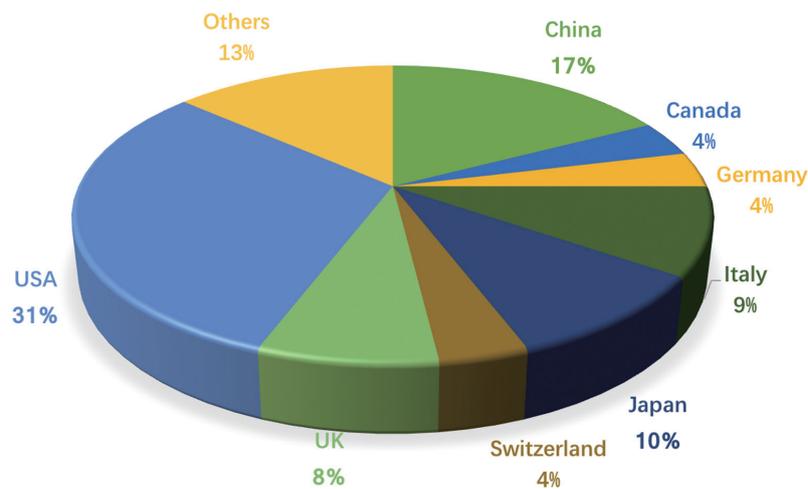


Figure 4 Geographical distribution of Editorial Board.

Country	Users	% Users
1. United States	28,739	37.13%
2. China	5,701	7.36%
3. India	5,502	7.11%
4. United Kingdom	4,532	5.85%
5. Canada	3,214	4.15%
6. Australia	2,158	2.79%
7. Japan	1,580	2.04%
8. Italy	1,218	1.57%
9. South Korea	1,134	1.46%
10. Indonesia	1,124	1.45%

Figure 5 Top 10 countries—geographical distribution of AMJ readers.

targets a specific significant topic, gathering remarkable experts of the topical field in one place.

For further details please refer to <http://amj.amegroups.com/post/category/focused-issues>.

Ongoing focused issues in AMJ

Currently, there are also five issues under progress:

- (I) Focused Issue on Rare Genitourinary Malignancies (edited by Dr. Philippe E. Spiess, Department of Genitourinary Oncology, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute, Tampa, FL, USA).

- Link: <http://amj.amegroups.com/post/view/focused-issue-on-rare-genitourinary-malignancies>
- (II) Focused Issue on Malignant Pleural Effusion (edited by Dr. Dragan R. Subotic, Clinic for Thoracic Surgery, University Hospital Basel, Basel, Switzerland).

- Link: <http://amj.amegroups.com/post/view/focused-issue-on-malignant-pleural-effusion>
- (III) Focused Issue on Bladder cancer (edited by Dr. Marco Moschini, Clinic of Urology, Luzerner Kantonsspital, Lucerne, Switzerland).

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- (IV) Focused Issue on Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (edited by Dr. Shahzad G. Raja, Department of Cardiac Surgery, Harefield Hospital, London, UK).
- (V) Focused Issue on Immune Response in Lung Cancer (edited by Dr. Kei Suzuki, Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA, USA).

While we are excited about the upward trend of *AMJ*, we understand *AMJ* is still at its childhood. What will bring the *AME Medical Journal* to the next level? Teamwork will be most essential. Meanwhile, we will continue to focus on the original intention of sharing advanced research result, spectacular surgical techniques and precious experience, inspiring academic sparkles and finally bringing better treatment for patients.

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