

# Happy birthday *AME Medical Journal*: we are one year old

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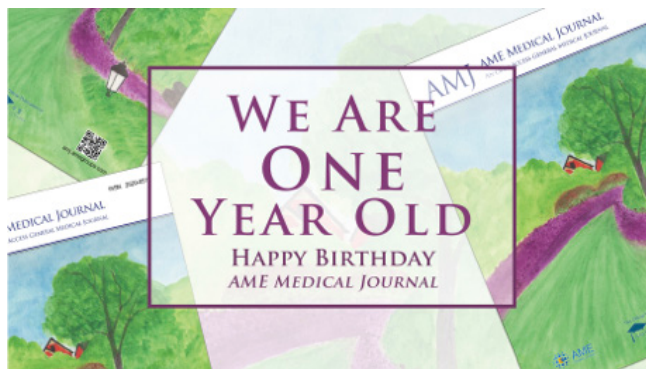
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**Figure 1** AMJ is one year old.

One year ago, on this very same day, Stephen Wang, the founder and CEO of our publisher—AME Publishing Company—penned the first Editorial for *AME Medical Journal* (*AMJ*), and announced the official launch of our new journal. In the editorial, he shared the stories that inspired the founding of AME, and how he came to hatch his dream to “make AME bigger, and to launch over hundreds of journals”. We believe *AMJ* will contribute in furthering efforts to make our dream a reality.

Today, *AMJ* is one year old (*Figure 1*). Looking back at the past year, we are proud to say that we are getting closer to our dream. AME has entered the international market with a bang, and has set up 10 branches all over mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Sydney. Combining high editorial standards with cutting-edge publishing technology, AME has published 49 international peer-review medical journals, of which 3 are currently indexed in SCI, and 18 indexed in PubMed. *AMJ*, on the other hand, has managed to develop alongside rapidly advancing medical fields, and has made great progress since its launch.

On this special occasion, we would like to present *AMJ*'s annual report. The editorial office would like to extend their greatest appreciation to all editors, and reviewers who have been supportive, and devoted much of their time and effort in nurturing *AMJ*. The journal, in particular, would like to thank the authors for placing their faith in this new, bold journal when it was still in its beginning stages. This continuous support has been pivotal to the development of the journal.

In the times to come, *AMJ* will remain committed to publishing novel, high-quality, and valuable content. *AMJ* endeavors to bring readers the most up-to-date information in a wide variety of fields in the hopes of ultimately benefiting patients, all while ensuring the largest possible readership for all articles published in the journal.

Below is the annual report of *AMJ*. The data is updated till 10 Oct 2017.

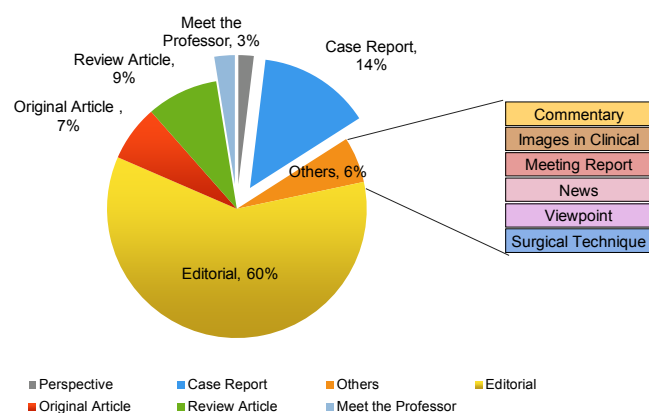
## Articles published and international authors

In less than 1 year, we have published a total of 155 articles, including 11 original articles, 14 review articles, 22 case reports, 94 editorials focused on recent topics in various fields (*Figure 2*).

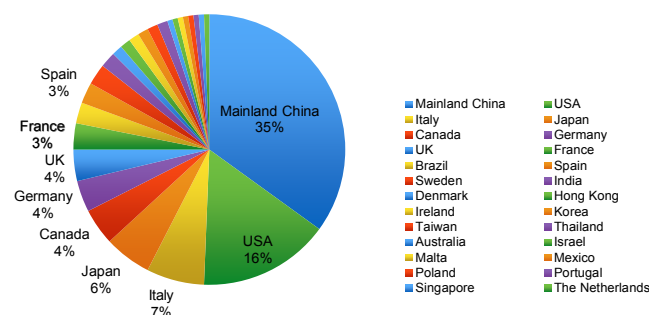
All articles are available online (<http://amj.amegroups.com/issue/all>)

The authors come from a large variety of countries, demonstrating international diversity in the published works. Of the 155 corresponding authors who have contributed to *AMJ*, 26 countries 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



**Figure 2** Article types of published articles.



**Figure 3** Geographical distribution of corresponding authors.

prominent authors.

In our modern globalized academic community, *AMJ* recognizes the importance of international collaborations, and seeks to promote itself as an international journal. We have organized a series of articles focusing on important topics in various fields, and invited international prominent experts to co-author. *Figure 4* is an example of the international collaborative project we have organized that was recently published in *AMJ*.

Based on data from Google Analytics, *AMJ* is gaining momentum and attracting interest from readers. When we launched the journal, we had about 1,000 visits per month, which has now grown to over 2,500 visits per month (*Figure 5*).

### Widespread locale of editorial team

*Figure 6A,B* demonstrates *AMJ*'s internationally diverse editorial board: 26% of the editorial board members come from the USA, 16% from Italy, 13% from Mainland China, 9% from Germany, 9% from UK, and 27% from other countries including Taiwan, Canada, Japan, Belgium. The widespread locale allows closer international collaboration between *AMJ* and its authors.

*AMJ*'s steady yet expeditious growth is largely owing

**Table 1** Citation history of some corresponding authors (data collected from Web of Science, Oct 10, 2017)

Corresponding author	Affiliation	H-index	Citation
Michael G. Fehlings	University of Toronto, Toronto Western Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	68	18,894
Michael W. Kattan	The Lerner Research Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Ohio, USA	59	13,077
Florence Wong	University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada	44	7,609
Manuela Merli	Sapienza University of Rome, Rome, Italy	39	4,837
Wilbert S. Aronow	Westchester Medical Center/New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York, USA	36	6,064
Valerio De Stefano	Catholic University, Academic Hospital Agostino Gemelli, Rome, Italy	35	5,475
Eric Yoshida	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada	34	6,556
Angel Lanás	University of Zaragoza, Aragón Health Research Institute (IIS Aragón), CIBERehd, Zaragoza, Spain	31	3,834
Adelino Leite-Moreira	Cardiovascular Research Centre, Faculty of Medicine, University of Porto, Porto, Portugal	29	4,639
Behrooz A. Akbarnia	San Diego Spine Foundation, San Diego, CA, USA	24	1,816
Kern Singh	Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL, USA	24	2,035
Rolf Teschke	Teaching Hospital of the Medical Faculty, Goethe University Frankfurt, Main, Germany	23	1,337
Calvin S. H. Ng	The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong, China	22	1,545

to the editorial board members' active involvement and contribution. The highly enthusiastic and cohesive editorial board puts together a team of distinguished specialists, encouraging a continuous flow of high-quality content in

AMJ (Table 2).

AMJ has 16 Section Editors, who are experts from various research areas, including cardiovascular diseases, thoracic disease, hepatology, oncology, Neurology (Figure 7).

As Section Editors, they keep track of the latest and significant research in their areas and recommend international key opinion leaders to review and write editorial comments on those important topics. AMJ has been carrying out this project since 2017, and has published a grand total of 99 editorials by international prominent experts (Figure 8).

This project has allowed AMJ to keep tabs of developments in various fast-moving medical fields.



Figure 4 An international collaborative project we organized that was published in AMJ recently.

Focused issues planned

Table 3 introduces focused issues that AMJ is currently organizing with international Guest Editors in various fields. Each focused issue targets a specific significant topic, gathering remarkable experts of the topical field in one place, so as to contribute insightful ideas on the area of interest.

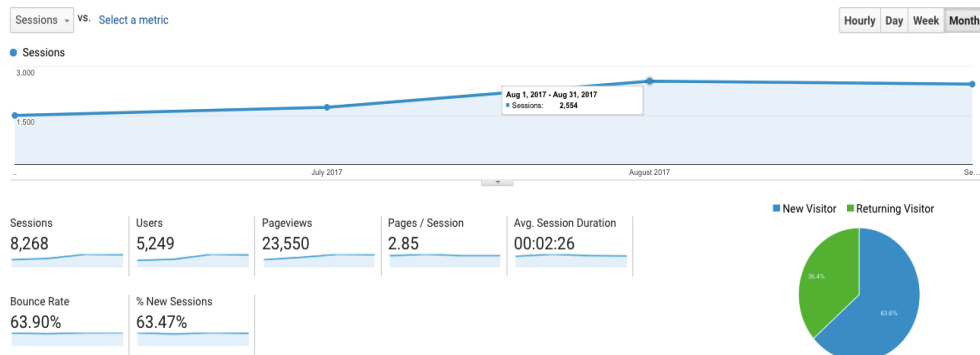


Figure 5 Page views of AMJ website in recent months.

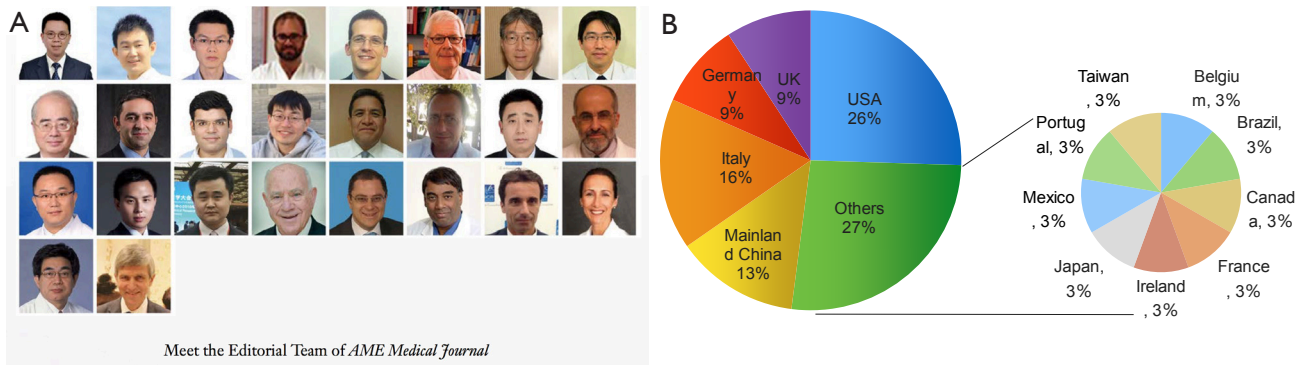
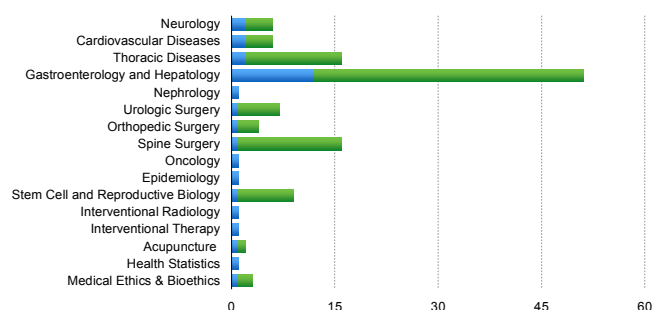


Figure 6 AMJ editorial board. (A) Meet the editorial board of AMJ; (B) geographic distribution of AMJ editorial board.

**Table 2** The H-index and citation history of some *AMJ* editorial board members (data collected from Web of Science, Oct 10, 2017)

Name	Affiliation	H-index	Sum of the times cited
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
Eric Yoshida	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada.	34	6,556
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, 3901 Rainbow Blvd, Kansas City, KS, USA.	23	1,959
Ghassan Abou-Alfa	Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, USA	20	2,426
Hiran C. Fernando	Boston University, Boston Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts, USA	20	1,231

**Figure 7** Section editors from board fields and amount of articles they've solicited.

## International conferences

International meetings are always brilliant opportunities for the editorial office to showcase and promote the journal, and to keep up-to-date with the most recent advancements and research of various fields. The editorial staff has participated in various international medical conferences (*Figures 9*).

Here is an outline of some academic meetings we have participated in 2017:

❖ The 8th International Thymic Malignancy

July 2017	Reply to the editorial titled "The role of smartphone technology in trauma spine surgery"
Daniel Dreyfuss, Ido Stahl	
May 2017	Editorial response: "Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy vs. Sublobar Resection for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Choosing the Right Patients (an editorial)"
Eric D. Brooks, Joe Y. Chang	
May 2017	Editorial on "Use of S2-alar-iliac screws associated with less complications than iliac screws in adult lumbosacropelvic fixation"
Changchun Tseng, Zhen Liu, Yong Qiu, Zezhang Zhu	
August 2017	Editorial on "Development and Internal Validation of a Novel Model to Identify the Candidates for Extended Pelvic Lymph Node Dissection in Prostate Cancer"
Alexey V. Aksenov, Klaus-Peter Jünemann, Danial K. Osmonov	
August 2017	Informed consent in online research: the need for new ways of addressing research subjects
Marc van Hoof, Guy Widdershoven	
March 2017	Magnetically controlled growing rods: a less invasive treatment for early onset scoliosis
Pooria Hosseini, Behrooz A. Akbarnia	

**Figure 8** Some of the editorial comments published in *AMJ*.

**Table 3** Focused issues in plan

Topic	Guest Editors	Affiliation	H-index	Citation
Lung cancer screening	Ricardo S. Santos, MD, PhD	Hospital Israelita Albert Einstein, São Paulo, Brazil	3	141
	Myrna Godoy, MD	MD Anderson Cancer Center, Texas, USA	11	322
	Hiran C. Fernando, MD	Division of Thoracic Surgery, Boston University, Boston Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts, USA	20	1,231
Liver transplantation	Juliana Franceschini, PhD	Instituto Tórax, São Paulo, Brazil	4	34
	Eric M. Yoshida, OBC, MD, MHSc, FRCP(C), FACP, FACC, FCAHS, FAASLD	University of British Columbia & Division of Gastroenterology, Vancouver General Hospital	4	96
	Trana Hussaini, BSc (Pharm), ACPR	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada Vancouver General Hospital, Vancouver, BC, Canada	34	6,556
Management of complex airway and pleural diseases	Amit "Bobby" Mahajan, MD, FCCP, DAABIP	Medical Director, Interventional Pulmonology, Inova Heart and Vascular Institute, Inova Schar Cancer Institute, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, VA, USA	-	-
	Sandeep J. Khandhar, MD,	Chief of Thoracic Surgery, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, VA, USA	-	-
	Erik E. Folch, MD	Chief of Complex Chest Disease Center, The Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, USA	-	-
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	-	-
Holistic integrative medicine	Daiming Fan, MD, PhD	Xijing Hospital of Digestive Diseases, Fourth Military Medical University, Xi'an, China	-	-
	Zhiping Yang, PhD	Xijing Hospital of Digestive Diseases, Fourth Military Medical University, Xi'an, China	-	-
	Xingshun Qi, MD, PhD	Department of Gastroenterology, General Hospital of Shenyang Military Area, Shenyang, China	-	-





**Figure 9** International conferences we attended in 2017. (A) The 8th International Thymic Malignancy Interest Group Annual Meeting; (B) European Society of Thoracic Surgeons 2017; (C) American Association for Thoracic Surgery 97th Annual Meeting; (D) Digestive Disease Institute Week 2017.

Interest Group Annual Meeting—Sept 2017 (Figure 9A);

- ❖ European Society of Thoracic Surgeons 2017—June 2017 (Figure 9B);
- ❖ American Association for Thoracic Surgery 97th Annual Meeting—April 2017 (Figure 9C);
- ❖ Digestive Disease Institute Week 2017—Feb 2017 (Figure 9D).

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