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1. Basic Information

- The 1st English journal dedicated to VATS in international community
- Newly-launched in May 2016
- International, Peer-Reviewed, Open-Access
- The VATS journal will serve as a dedicated place where key questions in the field of VATS surgery may be answered by publishing flexible and diverse article genres in a fast electronic publication mode.
- Technical questions will easily be addressed because of its ability to publish videos.
2. Editors-in-Chief

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On behalf of the VATS editorial team, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the Editorial Board Members, Guest Editors, Section Editors, Authors, Reviewers and Readers who have contributed to and supported VATS since its birth. In the new year, we warmly welcome more excellent surgeons and researchers to join us to make VATS an innovative and significant platform for the field.

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3. A Glimpse of VATS Editorial Board

Since first launch in May 2016, over 30 thoracic experts throughout the world have joined VATS Editorial Board, and more will come.
3. Geographical Distribution of Editorial Board Members

% of total: 100% (34 Board Members)
4. Articles Published in 2016

Review Article
Cost analysis of VATS approaches
Alessandro Brunelli
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Editorial
The length of skin incision and the ability of surgeon
Alfonso Fiorelli, Mario Santini
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Surgical Technique
Thoracoscopic S^6 segmentectomy: tricks to know
Agathe Seguin-Givelet, Jon Lutz, Dominique Gossot
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Original Article
Constructing tunnels to troubleshoot complete pleural symphysis during video-assisted thoracic surgery
Chengwu Liu, Qiang Pu, Hu Liao, Lin Ma, Jiandong Mei, Feng Lin, Chenglin Guo, Lunxu Liu
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Since first launched in May 2016, VATS altogether published 34 articles in 2016, with diverse article types.

Note: A screenshot of articles published in 2016.
5. International Diversity of Corresponding Authors

Corresponding authors of the 34 articles published in 2016 come from different countries and areas with the majority from USA, China, and Italy.

**Focused Issue: VATS-The Age of Maturity**

Luca Bertolaccini, MD, PhD, FCCP  
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Piergiorgio Solli, MD, PhD
Morgagni Hospital of Forli (IT), Italy

Focused Issue: *Minimally invasive VATS thymectomy for Myasthenia Gravis*

Alper Toker, MD

President of the ESTS in 2015.
Director and Professor,
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Focused Issue: Video-assisted major thoracic procedures: approaches

Dominique Gossot, MD

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Focused Issue: Esophageal Surgery

Scott J. Swanson, MD

Director of Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery, Brigham and Women’s Hospital/ Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Massachusetts, USA

More focused issues leading by outstanding experts of the thoracic field are expected to come.
The VATS journal was first exhibited on the 8th West China Forum on Minimally Invasive Thoracic Surgery held in Kunming, China in August 2016, and has caused great interest from Chinese and international experts.
8. Blueprint For Future Development

--A regular academic exchange activity based on the journal

The conference will be held every year, which \textit{aspires to establish fruitful collaborations between surgeons across the globe in order to help answer important questions facing the field of VATS.}

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The organizer and conference site will take turns between the West China Hospital and UC San Diego Health Moores Cancer Center.

The 1st Sino-US Conference on VATS will be held in the West China Hospital in 2017;

The 2nd Sino-US Conference on VATS will be held in UC San Diego Health Moores Cancer Center in 2018;

The 3rd Sino-US Conference on VATS will be held in the West China Hospital in 2019…

*We warmly welcome all the thoracic surgeons and researchers throughout the world to join this meaningful conference, to share your valuable expertise and help move forward the filed of VATS and finally benefit the patients.*
10. Our Publisher—AME Publishing Company

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- 16 indexed in PubMed/PMC/MEDLINE
- 13 indexed in ESCI