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# JTD Annual Report (2023)

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## 1. Basic Information

- Open Access & Peer Reviewed
- Launched in Dec. 2009
- Indexed by **PubMed** in Dec. 2011
- Indexed by **Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE)** on Feb. 4th, 2013
- Published Monthly since Jan. 2014
- Impact Factor (2022): **2.5**

JTD is the official publication of:

- State Key Laboratory of Respiratory Disease
- Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Health (GIRH)
- The First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University
- The Society of Translational Medicine (STM)



## Editor-in-Chief



Prof. Nanshan Zhong, MD

Prof. Zhong is the Director-general of China State Key Laboratory of Respiratory Disease, Professor of Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Health. In addition, he has been an Academician of Chinese Academy of Engineering since 1996, which is the highest academic position in the field of Medicine in China.

## Executive Editor-in-Chief



Prof. Jianxing He, MD, FACS

Professor He is the Director of the Thoracic Surgery Department, the First Affiliated Hospital of Guangzhou Medical University and Director of the Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Health.



*“We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all the editorial board members, authors, reviewers and readers for your enthusiastic and vigorous support and contributions to the journal and look forward to the cooperation and joint efforts of more colleagues in this endeavor to explore on thoracic disease from basic to clinical practice, promote the diagnosis and treatment, and finally benefit the patients.”*

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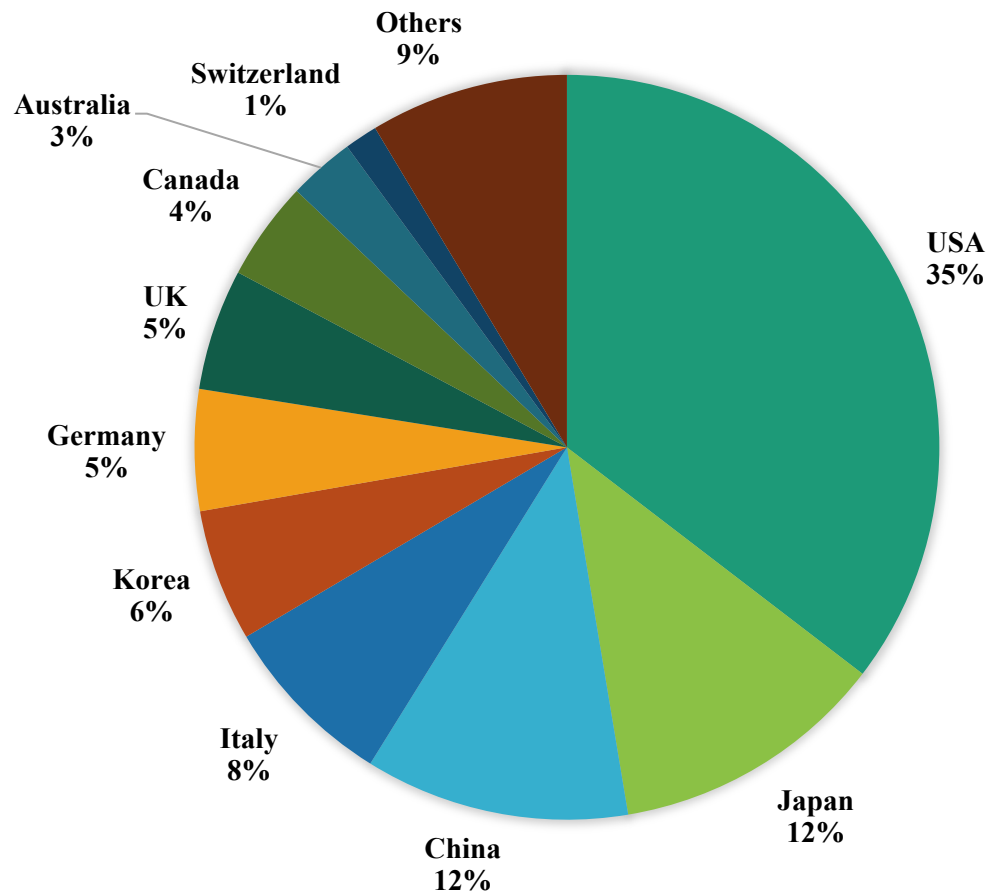
Nanshan Zhong, MD  
Editor-in-Chief, JTD

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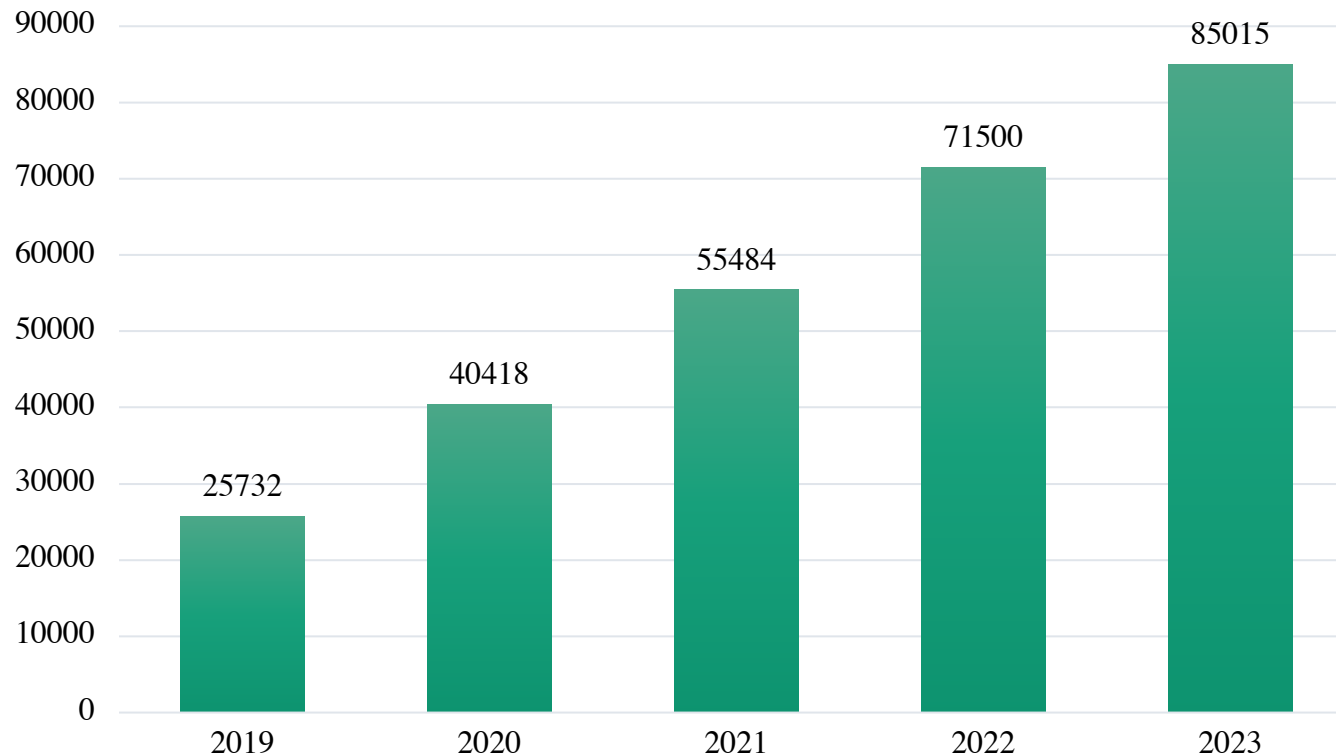
Jianxing He, MD, FACS  
Executive Editor-in-Chief, JTD

## 2. Distribution of Editorial Board Members

% of total: 100% (209 Board Members from 24 countries)



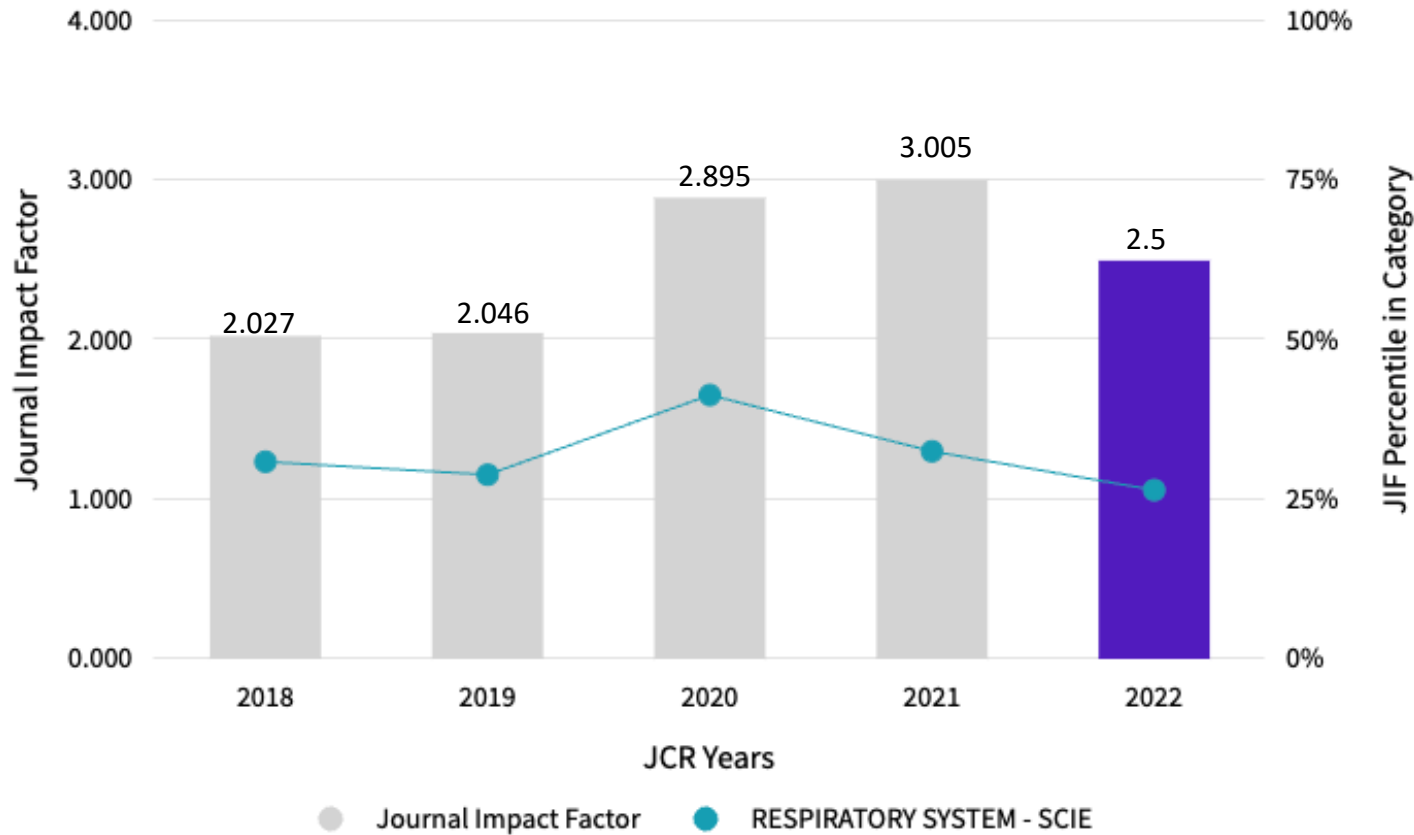
### 3. Total Citations of JTD on WOS(2019-2023)



Data were collected from Web of Science Core Collection on Jan. 3, 2024.



## 4. Journal Impact Factor

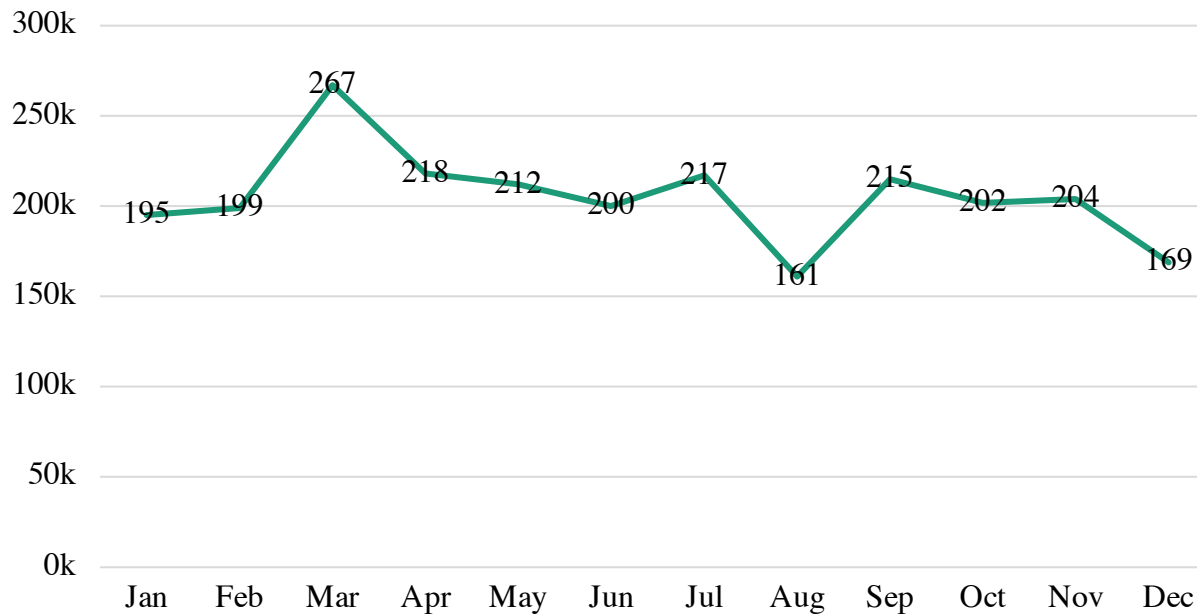


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## 5. Most Cited Articles in 2023 (Published in 2021-2022)

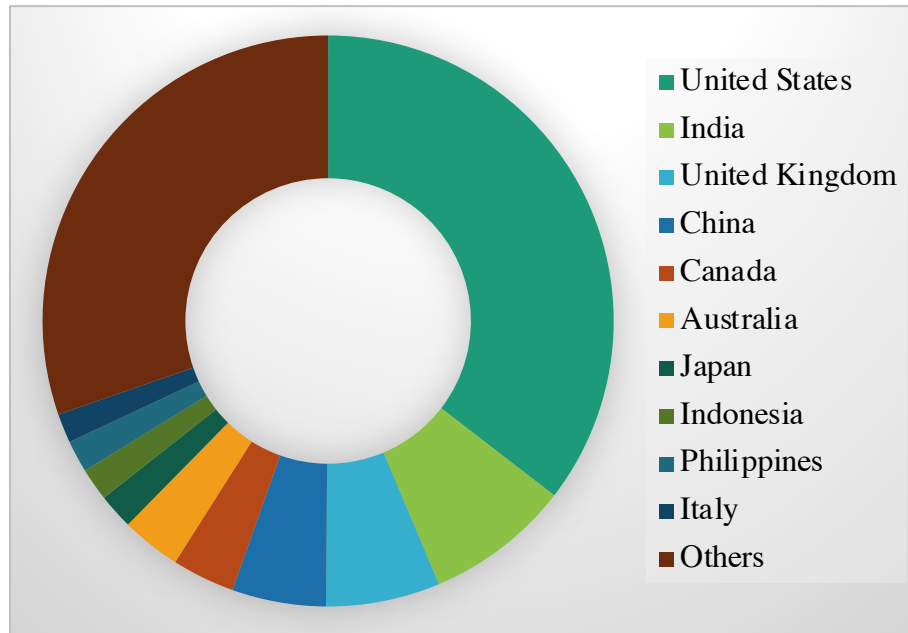
Issue	Title	Article Type	Corresponding Author
V13N6	Efficacy and safety of neoadjuvant chemotherapy and immunotherapy in locally resectable advanced esophageal squamous cell carcinoma	Original Article	Yihua Sun; Bin Li; Yawei Zhang (China)
V13N3	Neoadjuvant pembrolizumab with chemotherapy for the treatment of stage IIB-IIIB resectable lung squamous cell carcinoma	Original Article	Qixun Chen; Youhua Jiang (China)
V13N2	Right ventricular failure after left ventricular assist device implantation: a review of the literature	Review Article	Valeria Lo Coco(The Netherlands)
V13N6	Global burden of medication non-adherence in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma: a narrative review of the clinical and economic case for smart inhalers	Review Article	Job F. M. van Boven (The Netherlands)
V13N1	Women in thoracic surgery: social media and the value of mentorship	Review Article	Mara B. Antonoff(USA)

## 6. Pageviews of the Website (2023)



Data were collected from Google Analytics on Jan 3, 2024.

## 7. Distribution of Website Visits (2023)



Country	Users
United States	362375
India	83858
United Kingdom	66009
China	54450
Canada	36303
Australia	34473
Japan	20464
Indonesia	18898
Philippines	18587
Italy	16891

All together 1,022,078 users from different countries worldwide, with the majority from USA, followed by India, UK, China, Canada, Australia, Japan, etc.

Data were collected from Google Analytics on Jan. 3, 2024.



## 8. 1 Special Series (Ongoing)

Theme	Guest Editor	Country
Extracorporeal Life Support in Thoracic Surgery	Ilhan Inci	Switzerland
Minimally Invasive Treatment of Pectus Deformities	Erik R. de Loos, Frank-Martin Haecker, Jean H.T. Daemen	the Netherlands; Switzerland; the Netherlands;
Why is the Outcome Good? Secrets of Lung Transplantation in Japan	Masaaki Sato	Japan
Chest Wall Resections and Reconstructions	Erik de Loos, José Ribas de Campos, Jean Daemen	the Netherlands; Brazil; the Netherlands
Malignant and Benign Pleural Effusions	Avinash Aujayeb	UK
Surgical Treatment of Arrhythmias	Hiroshi Kubota	Japan
Current Status of Diagnosis and Forecast of COVID-19	Jing Cheng, Tao Xu, Zifeng Yang, Wenda Guan	China
Thoracic Diseases and Big Data	Zifeng Yang, Zitian Han	China
The Fourth International Cough Conference (ICC) 2023	Kefang Lai	China
Holistic Integrative Physiology	Xingguo Sun	China
Cough Section	Woo-Jung Song	Korea
GARD section	Yousser Mohammad, Luis Taborda-Barata	Syria, Portugal
Sleep Section	Walter McNicholas	Ireland
Air Pollution	Junfeng Zhang	China



## 8. 2 Special Series (Published in 2022-2023)

Theme	Guest Editor	Country
Prolonged Air Leak after Lung Surgery: Prediction, Prevention and Management	Roberto Crisci, Alessandro Brunelli, Florian Augustin, Francesco Zaraca	Italy; UK; Austria; Italy
Thoracic Surgery Worldwide	Alan D. L. Sihoe	HK
A Guide for Managing Patients with Stage I NSCLC: Deciding between Lobectomy, Segmentectomy, Wedge, SBRT and Ablation	Frank C. Detterbeck	USA
Novel Insights into Chronic Cough	Woo-Jung Song, Kian Fan Chung	Korea, UK
Clinical Update Sleep 2023	Joerg Steier	UK
Children's Respiratory Health and Air Quality	Junfeng Jim Zhang, Haidong Kan and Howard M. Kipen	US, China



## 9. Interviews with Outstanding Authors (2023)

In 2023, many authors bring new findings, practical information on the diagnosis and treatment of conditions related to thoracic disease to our journal. Their articles published with us have received very well feedback in the field and stimulate a lot of discussions and new insights among the peers.

Hereby, we would like to highlight some of our outstanding authors who have been making immense efforts in their research fields, with a brief interview of their unique perspectives and insightful views as authors.

### **Outstanding Authors (2023)**

Björn-Ole Stüben, Department of General, Visceral and Thoracic Surgery, University Medical Centre Hamburg-Eppendorf, Germany

Desi K. M. ter Woerds, Department of Pulmonary Diseases, Radboud University Medical Center, The Netherlands

Ikenna C. Okereke, Department of Surgery, Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, MI, USA

Takashi Eguchi, Division of General Thoracic Surgery, Department of Surgery, Shinshu University School of Medicine, Matsumoto, Japan

Toru Arai, Clinical Research Center, National Hospital Organization Kinki-Chuo Chest Medical Center, Japan

Toyofumi Fengshi Chen-Yoshikawa, Department of Thoracic Surgery, Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan

Duilio Divisi, Department of Life, Health and Environmental Sciences, University of L'Aquila, Italy

Ilitch Diaz-Gutierrez, Division of Thoracic and Foregut Surgery, University of Minnesota, USA

Janneta Kisel, Lane Fox Unit, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Trust, UK

Muteb Al Zaidi, Division of Thoracic Surgery, Toronto General Hospital, Canada

Panagis Drakatos, Sleep Disorders Centre, Guy's Hospital Sleep Disorders Centre, UK

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# 10. Interviews with Outstanding Reviewers (2023)

In 2023, JTD reviewers continue to make outstanding contributions to the peer review process. They demonstrated professional effort and enthusiasm in their reviews and provided comments that genuinely help the authors to enhance their work.

Hereby, we would like to highlight some of our outstanding reviewers, with a brief interview of their thoughts and insights as a reviewer. Allow us to express our heartfelt gratitude for their tremendous effort and valuable contributions to the scientific process.

January, 2023

Zaid M Abdelsattar



Dr. Zaid Abdelsattar, MD, MS, FACS is an Assistant Professor of Surgery and the Director of Research at the Department of Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery at Loyola University Chicago, USA. He completed his general surgery and thoracic surgery residency training at the Mayo Clinic. While in training, he completed a health services research fellowship and obtained a Master's degree in Health & Healthcare Research from the University of Michigan. Dr. Abdelsattar practices the spectrum of thoracic and lung transplant surgery. He is an expert at tackling complex surgical problems utilizing innovative minimally invasive robotic solutions. His research aims to improve the national delivery and quality of cancer care nationally. His research is heavily cited and featured in news media outlets. He is passionate about teaching and serves as the associate program director of the thoracic surgery residency at Loyola University Chicago. To connect with Dr. Abdelsattar, you may follow him on Twitter @ZaidAbdelsattar, CTSNet, or LinkedIn.

Peer review plays a critical role, in Dr. Abdelsattar's view, in the scientific process. It is a rigorous system in which experts in the relevant field evaluate research manuscripts before they are published in academic journals or presented at conferences. This ensures that the research is accurate, reliable, and relevant. It also helps ensure that the research meets the standards of the scientific community. Providing a system of checks and balances helps to maintain the integrity of the scientific process and prevent fraud, plagiarism, and other forms of scientific misconduct. Additionally, it provides a forum for scientific debate and discussion, which can help advance the field and identify new areas of research.

However, biases are inevitable in peer review. Reviewers may have personal opinion biases, preferences, or conflicts of interest (COIs) that can influence their evaluation of a manuscript. In view of this, Dr. Abdelsattar tries to maintain an objective "science-only" approach to the process. Journals also have strategies to minimize this by blinding authors, picking from a diverse reviewer pool, outlining clear guidelines or even training for reviewers.

As a reviewer, Dr. Abdelsattar believes authors should always disclose any potential COIs related to their research. This is essential for maintaining transparency and ensuring the integrity of the scientific process. It is important to note that a COI does not necessarily mean that the research is invalid or unreliable, but it does require careful consideration and evaluation by the reader. Proper disclosure of COI allows the reader to assess the potential impact of the COI on the research findings and draw their conclusions accordingly.

"I would like to express my sincere appreciation and admiration for all the dedicated reviewers out there who are working tirelessly behind the scenes to advance science. These contributions are immeasurable and invaluable. The reviewers' commitment to quality and willingness to invest time and expertise to provide thoughtful and constructive feedback to authors are essential to maintaining the integrity and rigor of the scientific process. I am humbled to be part of these efforts that are helping advance knowledge, drive innovation, and solve many thoracic surgical problems," says Dr. Abdelsattar.

(By Brad Li, Alisa Lu)

February, 2023

Maida Hafiz



Dr. Maida Hafiz is a Sleep Medicine fellow at the University of Oklahoma (Oklahoma, USA). She is also trained in Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine. Her clinical interests include the management of acute respiratory distress syndrome, cancer therapy-related pulmonary toxicities and critical care echocardiography. Her main research interest is in immunotherapy-related pulmonary toxicity.

To Dr. Hafiz, the assessment of scientific research quality relies heavily on peer review. To ensure the validity, timeliness, and relevance of science communication, an efficient peer-review process is imperative. Reviewers should be equitable and objective evaluators, as well as astute analysts. Reviewers must utilize their expertise and distinct viewpoints to evaluate the importance and potential influence of every article. The process of peer evaluation furnishes authors with valuable feedback to enhance their manuscripts. Throughout this procedure, reviewers ought to consider the ultimate audience and guarantee that the information is accurate and articulated in a manner that is comprehensible to non-expert readers.

To aid authors in enhancing the quality of their papers, reviews should be constructive in nature. In Dr. Hafiz's view, this may entail requesting specific details from the author to enhance the presentation and communication of their research. Such comments should be conveyed respectfully and be as specific as possible. While constructive feedback may include highlighting relevant research that was missed or offering methodological advice to enhance the study, it should not be influenced by subjective views. Ultimately, constructive reviews can assist authors in identifying overlooked errors or details and enriching the study by incorporating diverse viewpoints.

From a reviewer's perspective, Dr. Hafiz indicates that Conflicts of Interest (COIs) can have serious implications for the safety and well-being of study participants and patients. When researchers prioritize their interests over those of their participants, the latter may suffer adverse consequences. Academic COIs are particularly concerning, as they can result from researchers' desire to influence scientific publication decisions in exchange for intangible benefits. While complete elimination of biases may not be possible, individuals involved in scientific research must take steps to recognize and report any biases that could undermine their objectivity. Researchers must make a concerted effort to remain impartial and ensure that their biases do not interfere with the integrity of their work. It is essential to address COIs and biases in scientific research as they pose a significant threat to the credibility of the scientific enterprise. Failure to do so not only undermines the validity of scientific findings but also erodes public trust in research and its practitioners. Therefore, it is crucial that researchers prioritize the welfare of study participants and patients over their interests and uphold the highest standards of scientific integrity. Honesty and integrity are essential for a robust peer review system that readers can rely on for accurate content. Trust is an ethical value that underpins the credibility of scientific research. Recognizing and reporting any COIs is crucial to upholding these values.

"JTD's open-access policy has made a plethora of information accessible that would be challenging to find in other circumstances. It has achieved a reasonably large impact factor indicating that it publishes good-quality papers. These factors have contributed to my admiration for this journal. I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of its reviewer board. It allows me to contribute to the peer-review process and uphold the journal's standards of excellence. Moreover, as a reviewer, I am privileged to have the opportunity to assess the latest research and stay up-to-date with current developments in my field," says Dr. Hafiz.

(By Brad Li, Alisa Lu)



## 11. Official publication of: Guangzhou Institute of Respiratory Health (GIRH)

Founded in 1979, GIRH has shouldered the responsibility and fulfilled the commitment to serving the society with practical actions during the fights against SARS in 2003 and some other respiratory infectious diseases, e.g. H5N1, H1N1, H7N9, H5N6 and MERS. Clinical department, basic research department and translational medicine department under industry-academia-research cooperation are served to benefit people in risk of respiratory disease.

### National and provincial research platforms

- National Respiration Center
- State Key Laboratory of Respiratory Disease
- National Clinical Research Center for Respiratory Disease
- National Clinical Medical Trial Branch
- Guangdong Provincial Laboratory of Respiratory Disease

### Annual Hospital Speciality Ranking in China

- Respiratory Medicine: has been ranking **the First** in China since 2009
- Thoracic Surgery: ranking **the Forth**
- Allergy: ranking **the top 2** for four years

### Future Prospective: Guangzhou Respiration Center (the largest respiration center in Asia)

- Diagnosis & treatment center for difficult and complicated respiratory diseases
- Therapy & research center for severe and acute infectious respiratory diseases
- Respiratory translational medicine & industry research center
- Big data center for clinical research on respiratory diseases
- Respiratory medicine R&D center under industry-academia-research cooperation
- Talented pulmonologist cultivation base in clinical prevention and treatment



## 11. Official publication of: China State Key Laboratory of Respiratory Disease (SKLRD, the Only State Key Laboratory of Respiratory Disease in China)

Established in 2007, was named “Excellent State Key Laboratory” in 2017.

### Vision

Striving to be a world class comprehensive respiratory disease prevention, treatment and research centre that integrates clinical and basic research, education and talent cultivation, translation and industrialization, leading the respiratory medicine of China and the world.

### Papers

- 544 SCI-indexed papers in the year of 2023
- 40 papers published in journals with impact factor (IF)  $\geq 20$ ; more than 118 papers published in journals with impact factor (IF)  $\geq 10$

### Patents

- According to incomplete statistics, in 2023, the laboratory was granted a total of 51 patents, including 39 invention patents, 11 utility model patents, and 1 design patent.

### Research interests

- Emerging respiratory infectious diseases and acute lung injury
- Bronchial asthma and chronic cough
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Lung cancer
- Pulmonary fibrosis and tuberculosis
- Translational and industrial respiratory medicine
- Respiratory interdisciplinary medicine



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