

APM Annual Report (2024)

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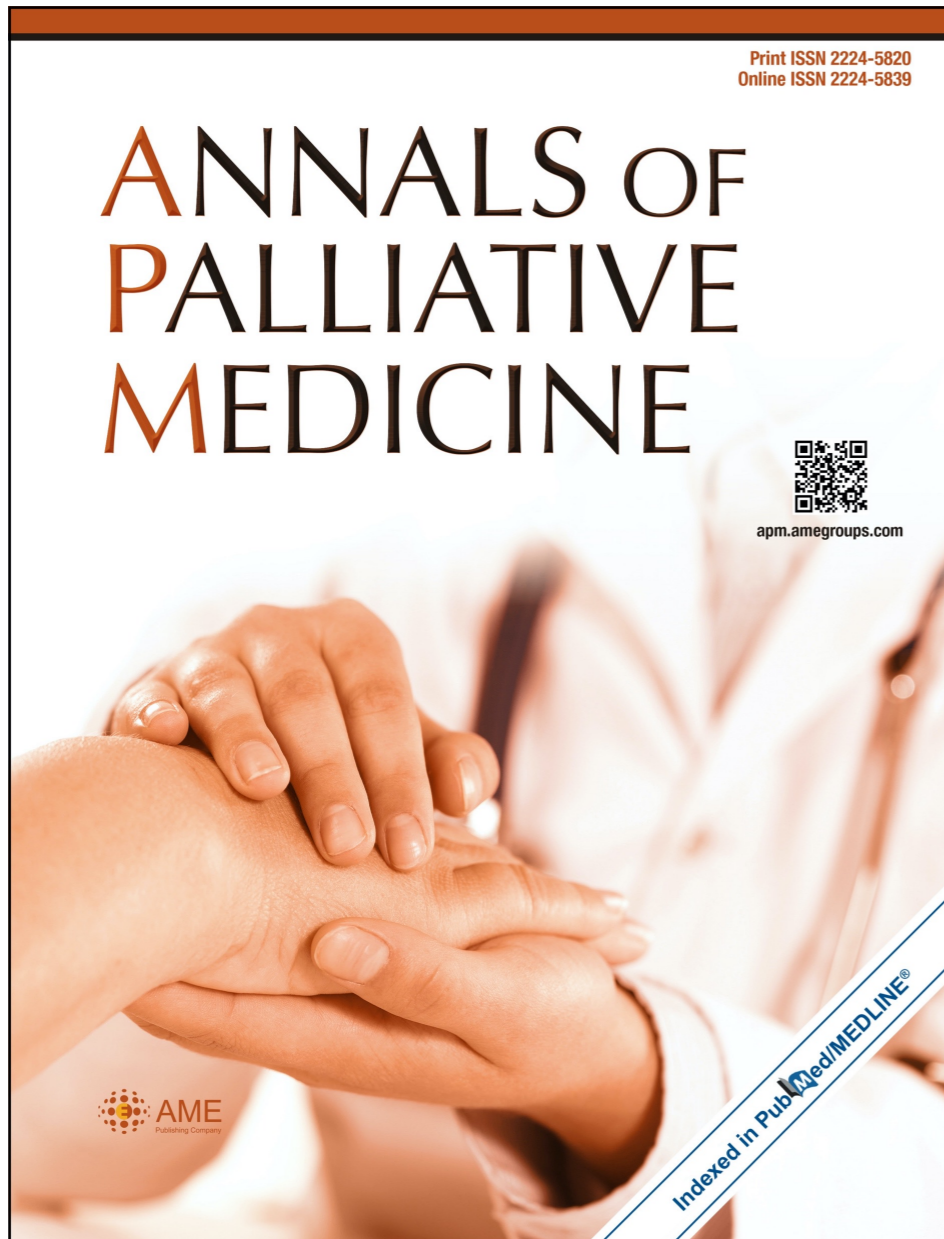
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1. Basic Information



- Launched in April 2012
- Open-Access, Peer-Reviewed, Bimonthly Publication (January/March/May/July/September/November)
- Indexed by **PubMed** and **MEDLINE**
- The aim of the journal is to provide up-to-date and cutting-edge information and professional support for health care providers in palliative medicine disciplines to improve the quality of life for patients and their families and caregiver.

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2.1 Scope of the Journal

The scope of APM encompasses supportive care, palliative care, hospice care and public health palliative care. We will specifically solicit articles pertaining to serious or life-threatening diseases to focus on the supportive, palliative, hospice, and public health aspects of medicine and care related to these conditions.

Below are eight sections of APM:

- **Palliative medicine and palliative care for incurable cancer**, including, but are not limited to advanced lung cancer, advanced breast cancer, advanced colon cancer, advanced pancreatic cancer, advanced liver cancer, advanced gastrointestinal cancer, advanced cervical cancer, incurable hematological malignancies, and multiple metastatic cancer.
- **Palliative medicine and palliative care for serious or advanced diseases**, including, but are not limited to dementia, multiple sclerosis and other neurodegenerative diseases, severe aortic stenosis or heart failure, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, chronic or end-stage lung disease, chronic or end-stage liver disease, chronic or end-stage kidney disease, and other uncontrolled situations requiring intensive care.

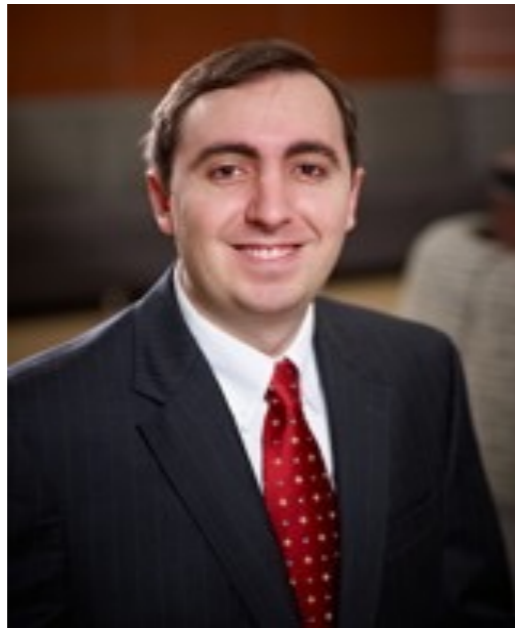
2.2 Scope of the Journal

- **Symptom management in palliative medicine and palliative care**, including, but are not limited to pain assessment and management, difficulty in swallowing, nausea and vomiting, constipation and diarrhea, anorexia and weight loss, hiccups, ulcers, difficulty in breathing, coughing, lymphedema, difficulty in urinating, fatigue and weakness, sleep disorders, bleeding, and thrombotic complications.
- **Psychiatric, psychological, social, and spiritual issues in palliative medicine and palliative care**, including, but are not limited to depression, fear, anxiety, loss of dignity, delirium, social and cultural differences, loss of meaning and purpose, existential issues, and bereavement.
- **Public health in palliative medicine and palliative care**, including, but are not limited to evidence-based advanced care planning, role of community support and engagement, challenges of equity, diversity and inclusion, challenges of continuity of care, caregiver and bereavement social support, public education and civic policy development, job and financial losses, and religious and cultural meaning.

2.3 Scope of the Journal

- **Teamwork and education in palliative medicine and palliative care**, including, but are not limited to the professional roles, collaboration and training of physicians/nurses/pharmacists/nutritionists/radiologists/physiotherapists/social workers/spiritual care providers/volunteers, discussions on prevention and management of burnout and compassion fatigue among healthcare providers.
- **Ethics and policy in palliative medicine and palliative care**, including, but are not limited to human rights, ethical dilemmas, euthanasia, do not resuscitate orders and family decision making, and withholding and withdrawing life-sustaining treatment.
- **Communication in palliative medicine and palliative care**, including, but are not limited to communication skills with patients and families, difficult conversation scenarios, truth-telling and consent, and communication in multicultural contexts.

3. Editors-in-Chief



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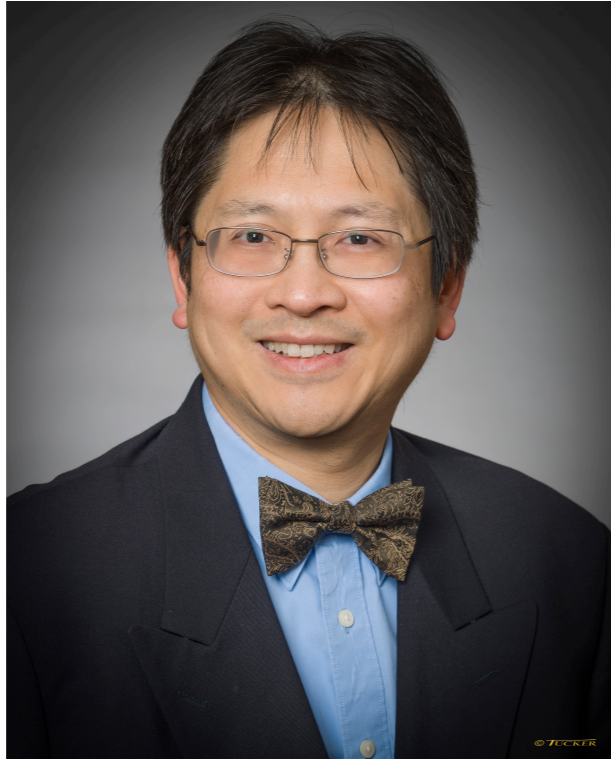
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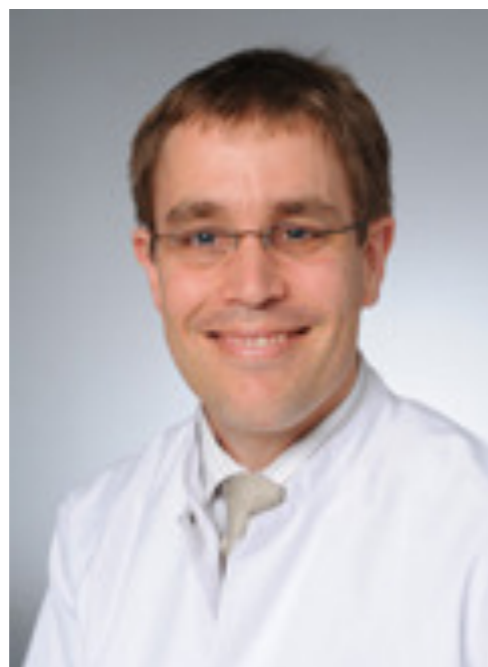
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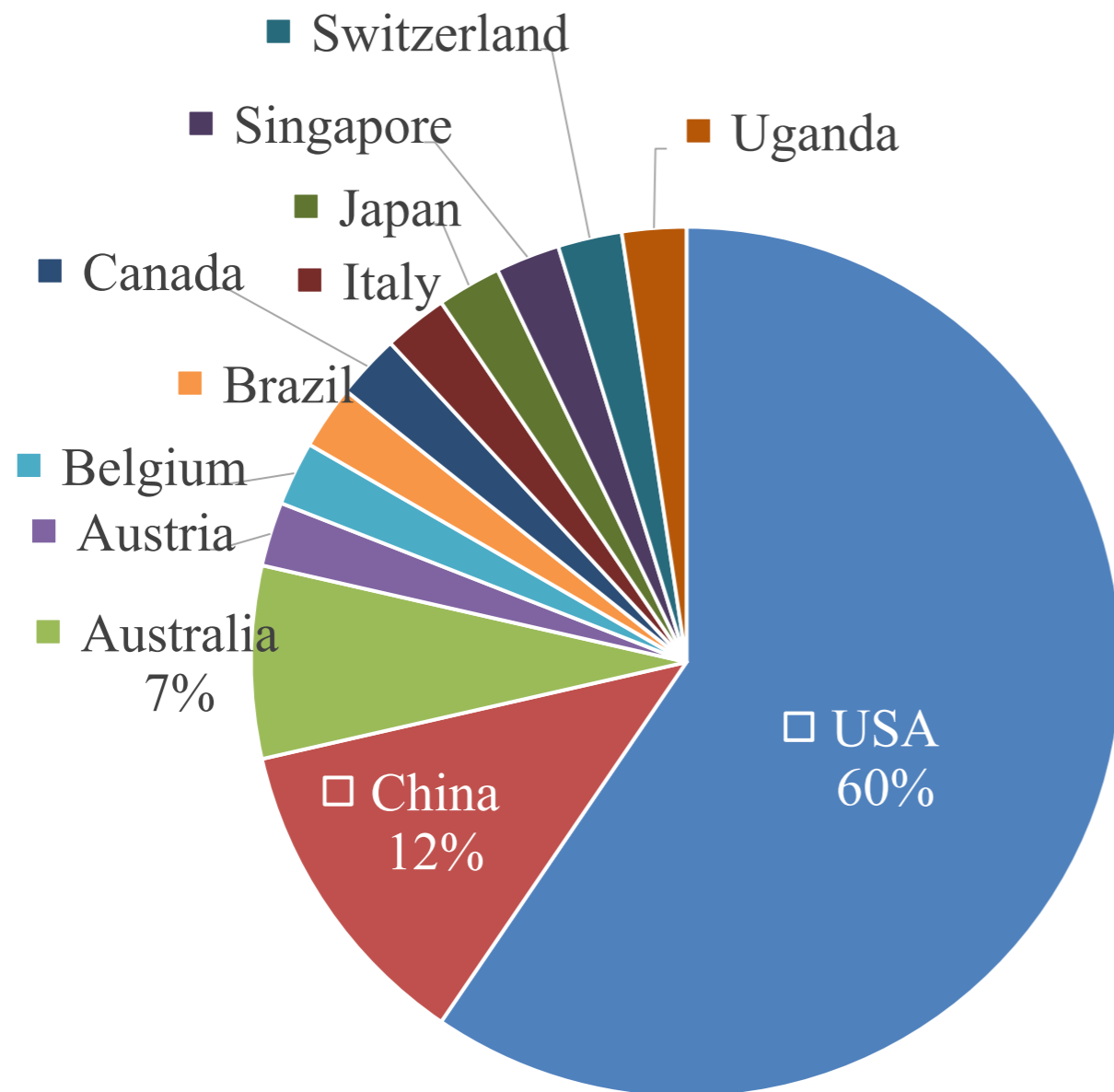
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6. Distribution of Editorial Board Members

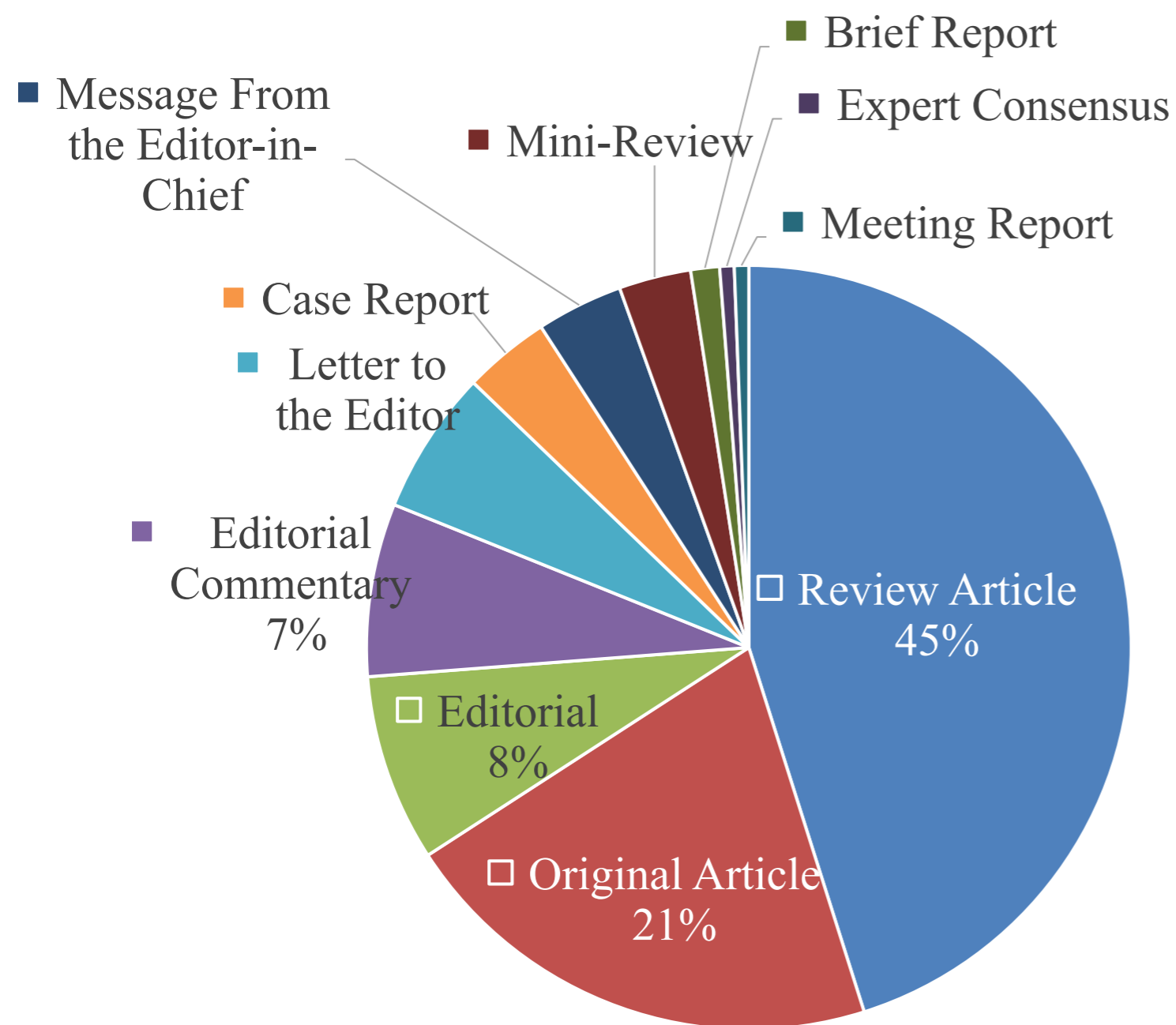


APM has **42** Editorial Board Members from **12** countries, with a majority from USA.

- **2** Editors-in-Chief
- **2** Associate Editors-in-Chief
- **2** Associate Editors
- **36** Editorial Board

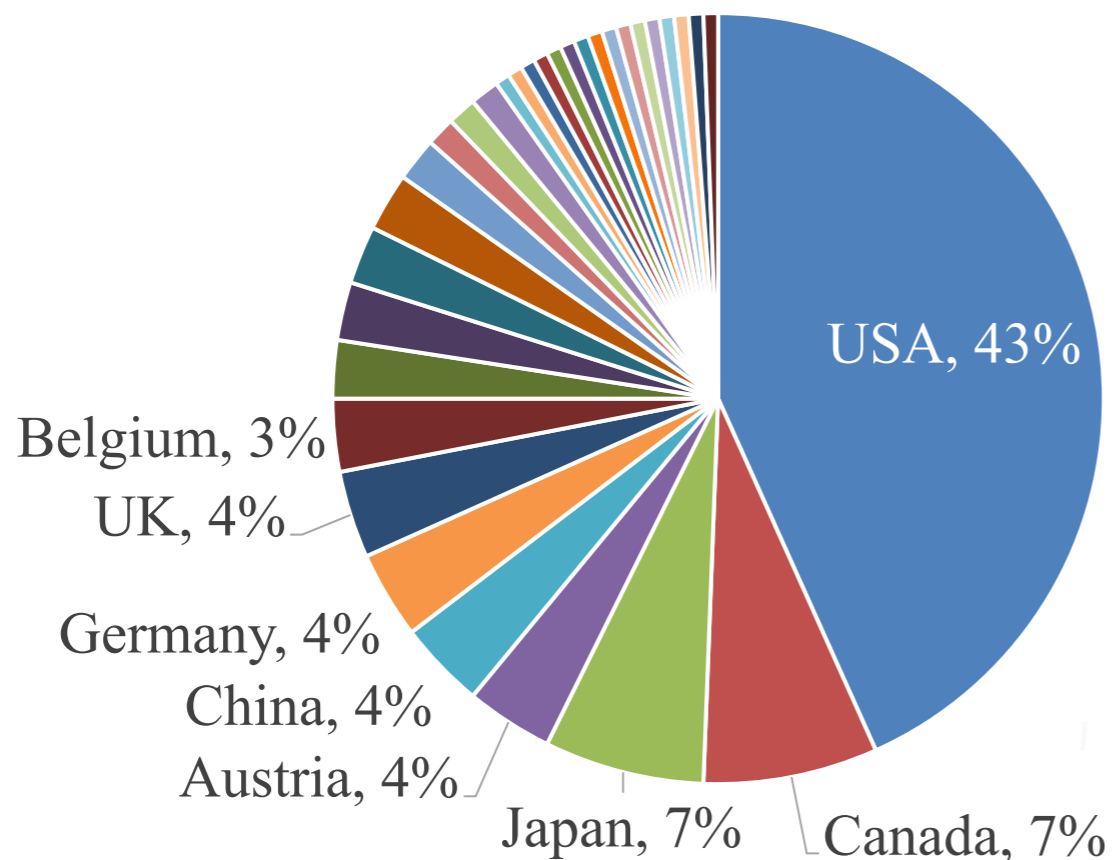
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7. Diverse Types of Articles Published in 2024



In 2024, APM has published **164** articles, among which there are **74** Review Article, **34** Original Article, **13** Editorial, **12** Editorial Commentary, **10** Letter to the Editor, **6** Case Report, **6** Message From the Editor-in-Chief, **5** Mini-Review, **2** Brief Report, **1** Expert Consensus and **1** Meeting Report.

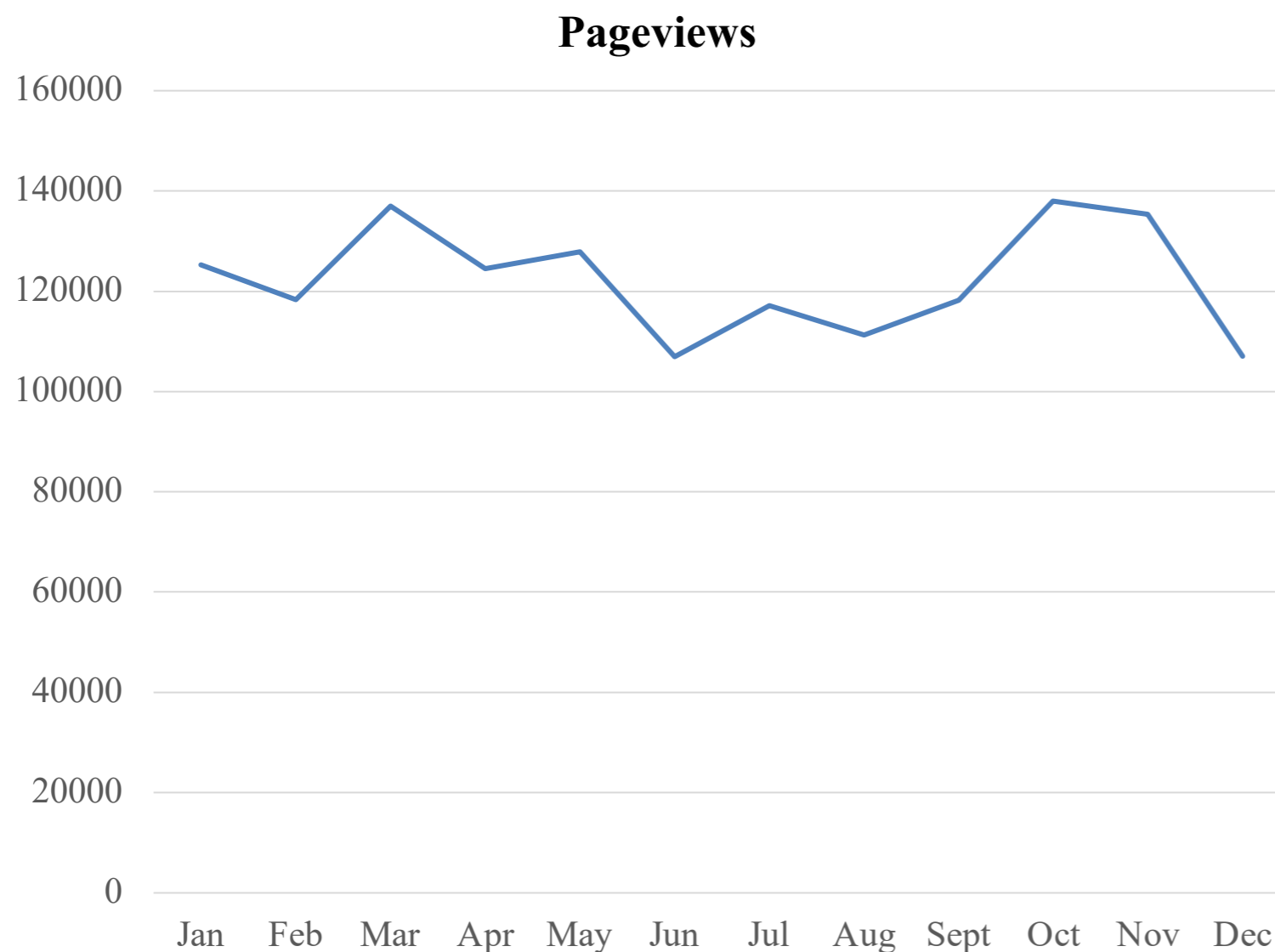
8. International Diversity of Corresponding Authors in 2024



Corresponding authors of 164 articles published in 2024 came from **32 countries**, with mostly from **USA, Canada** and **Japan**.

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| ■ USA | ■ Canada | ■ Japan | ■ Austria |
| ■ China | ■ Germany | ■ UK | ■ Belgium |
| ■ Korea | ■ Pakistan | ■ Singapore | ■ Switzerland |
| ■ Italy | ■ Brazil | ■ Netherlands | ■ Thailand |
| ■ Argentina | ■ Australia | ■ Bangladesh | ■ Colombia |
| ■ Denmark | ■ Finland | ■ India | ■ Ireland |
| ■ Laos | ■ Lebanon | ■ Norway | ■ Poland |
| ■ Portugal | ■ Saudi Arabia | ■ Spain | ■ Sweden |

9. Website Visits in 2024



Country	Users
United States	197,129
India	81,715
China	52,648
United Kingdom	47,534
Australia	32,103
Indonesia	31,441
Canada	31,177
Philippines	22,052
Brazil	15,179
Japan	13,185

Note: Only list the top 10

All together **843,375** visitors with **1,466,775** pageviews in 2024. Readers were from diverse countries, with the majority from USA, followed by India, China, UK and Australia.

Note: Data collected from Google Analytics on Dec. 31, 2024

10.1 Most Read Articles Published in 2024 (Top 10)

Issue	Title	Authors	Link
Vol 13, No 4 (July 31, 2024)	Palliative care in dementia	Elena Gupta, Pragnesh Patel	https://apm.amegroups.org/article/view/118859/html
Vol 13, No 1 (January 31, 2024)	Octreotide for long-lasting malignant bowel obstruction: two case reports	Sebastiano Mercadante, Laura Tartaglia	https://apm.amegroups.org/article/view/121146/html
Vol 13, No 2 (March 31, 2024)	Efficacy of oral nutritional supplement in cancer patients receiving chemotherapy: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials	Sunatee Sa-nguansai, Photcharaphon Pintasiri, Piyawan Tienchaiananda	https://apm.amegroups.org/article/view/122881/html
Vol 13, No 5 (September 30, 2024)	Hair loss: alopecia fears and realities for survivors of breast cancer—a narrative review	Malika Peera, Lucy Rose, Lily Kaufman, Elwyn Zhang, Muna Alkhaifi, Brittany Dulmage	https://apm.amegroups.org/article/view/127199/html
Vol 13, No 1 (January 31, 2024)	Oncology nursing research: a global perspective	Margaret I. Fitch, Margaret Barton-Burke, Wesley Fong, Annie Young	https://apm.amegroups.org/article/view/119460/html

*Data collected from the Journal Website - Most Read Page on Jan. 1, 2025 (<https://apm.amegroups.org/article/mostRead?queryYear=all>).

10.2 Most Read Articles Published in 2024 (Top 10)

Issue	Title	Authors	Link
Vol 13, No 2 (March 31, 2024)	Treatment of localized hepatocellular carcinoma: resection vs. ablation vs. radiation	Clark Anderson, Haelee Mia Chin, John Hoverson, Colin Court, Timothy Wagner, Neil B. Newman	https://apm.amegroups.org/article/view/121014/html
Vol 13, No 3 (May 31, 2024)	Management of malignant superior vena cava syndrome	Ronald Chow, Charles B. Simone II, Andreas Rimner	https://apm.amegroups.org/article/view/123283/html
Vol 13, No 2 (March 31, 2024)	The value and economic benefits of palliative care in primary care: an international perspective	Tania Pastrana, Scott A. Murray; on behalf of the European Association of Palliative Care (EAPC) Reference Group in Primary Palliative Care	https://apm.amegroups.org/article/view/122521/html
Vol 13, No 1 (January 31, 2024)	Liver transplantation and hepatocellular carcinoma 2023: a narrative review of management and outcomes	Parissa Tabrizian, Matthew L. Holzner, Dina Zaret, Guy Meyerovich, Alexander Fagenson, Thomas Schiano	https://apm.amegroups.org/article/view/120015/html
Vol 13, No 2 (March 31, 2024)	Sedation indicated?—rethinking existential suffering: a narrative review	Christoph Gabl, Angelika Feichtner, Dietmar Weixler	https://apm.amegroups.org/article/view/121993/html

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11.1 Special Column - Interviews with Editorial Board Members

APM features a distinguished editorial board, the members of which continue to instill the power of their expertise for the journal's development. With this column, we are glad to introduce to you some of them in the form of interviews, in which they will share their unique career experiences and perspectives. We believe their insights will shed light on the knowledge of related fields.

Column link at: <https://apm.amegroups.org/post/category/interviews-with-editorial-board-members>

[Meeting the Associate Editor of APM: Prof. Jan Gaertner](#)

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[Meeting the Editorial Board Member of APM: Dr. Alaa Abd-Elsayed](#)

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11.2 Special Column - Interviews with Outstanding Authors

APM authors have made outstanding contributions to our journal. Their articles have received very well feedback in the field and stimulate a lot of discussions and new insights among the peers. With this column, 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 perspective and insightful view as authors.

Column link at: <https://apm.amegroups.org/post/category/interviews-with-outstanding-authors>

Outstanding Authors (2024)

[Eva Oldenburger, The University Hospitals in Leuven, Belgium](#)

[Koji Ishii, Nagasaki University Hospital, Japan](#)

[Anna Kitta, Medical University of Vienna, Austria](#)

[Alison E. Cress, The University of Maryland, USA](#)

[Cindy T. Nguyen, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, USA](#)

[Hiroshi Hamada, Tokyo Medical University, Japan](#)

[Julia Challinor, The University of California San Francisco, USA](#)

[Sara N. Davison, The University of Alberta, Canada](#)

[Gudrun Waaler Bjørnelv, The University of Oslo, Norway](#)

[Emma J. Chapman, The St Gemma's Academic Unit of Palliative Care \(AUPC\), UK; and Carole Paley, The University of Leeds, UK](#)

[Anna L. Westermair, The University Hospitals, Switzerland](#)

[Shing Fung Lee, The National University Cancer Institute, Singapore](#)

[Sophie Meesters, University Hospital Augsburg, Germany](#)

[Takako Ikegami, National Cancer Center Hospital, Japan](#)

[Serife Eti, Montefiore Medical Center, USA](#)

[María Victoria Callejón-Martínez, The Cudeca Foundation, Spain](#)

[Shayan Raeisi Dehkordi, Queen's University, Canada](#)

[Sandy Vuong, Sunnybrook's Odette Cancer Centre, Canada](#)

[Eriko Narusawa, NHO Takasaki General Medical Center, Japan](#)

11.3 Special Column - Reviewer of the Month

In 2024, APM 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. With this column, we would like to highlight some of our outstanding reviewers, with a brief interview of their thoughts and insights as a reviewer.

Column link at: <https://apm.amegroups.org/post/category/reviewers>

Reviewer of the Month (2024)

[January, 2024](#)

Raj Singh, Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, USA

[February, 2024](#)

Daniel E. Roos, Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia

[March, 2024](#)

Joanna L. Hart, University of Pennsylvania, USA

[April, 2024](#)

Noriyuki Kawabata, Osaka Rosai Hospital, Japan

[May, 2024](#)

Sebastiano Mercadante, La Maddalena Cancer Center, Italy

[June, 2024](#)

Rares Miscov, Aalborg University Hospital, Denmark

[July, 2024](#)

Ramkumar Govindaraj, Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia

[August, 2024](#)

Andrew Foreman, Royal Adelaide Hospital, Australia

[October, 2024](#)

Naosuke Yokomichi, Seirei Mikatahara General Hospital, Japan

[November, 2024](#)

Shunichi Nakagawa, Columbia University, USA

11.4 Special Column - Palliative Radiotherapy Column

Palliative Radiotherapy Column

The column features articles emphasizing the critical role of radiotherapy in palliative care.



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11.5.1 Special Column - Special Series Published in 2024

Topic: Medical Oncology: Challenges in 2022



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Elie Rassy, MD, MSc, MPH
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Gustave Roussy, Villejuif, France

11.5.1 Special Column - Special Series Published in 2024

Topic: Medical Oncology: Challenges in 2022



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11.5.2 Special Column - Special Series Published in 2024

Topic: Comprehensive care for patients with Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Insights from the 2022 San Antonio Liver Cancer Symposium



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11.5.3 Special Column - Special Series Published in 2024

Topic: Narrative Medicine in Palliative Care



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11.5.4 Special Column - Special Series Published in 2024

Topic: Palliative Reconstructive Surgery



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11.5.5 Special Column - Special Series Published in 2024

Topic: Oncology Nursing



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University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada



Annie Young, SRN, PhD
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11.5.6 Special Column - Special Series Published in 2024

Topic: Kidney Palliative Care: Accessibility and Clinical Outcomes



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11.6.1 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: Radiotherapy for Oncologic Emergencies



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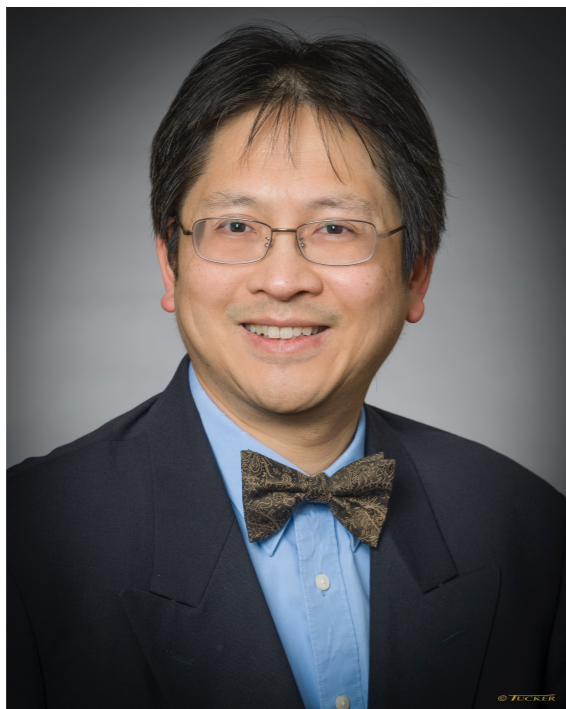


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11.6.1 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: Radiotherapy for Oncologic Emergencies



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11.6.2 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: Palliative Care in GI Malignancies



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11.6.3 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: Latest Research on COVID-19



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11.6.4 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: Value of Palliative Care



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11.6.4 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: Value of Palliative Care



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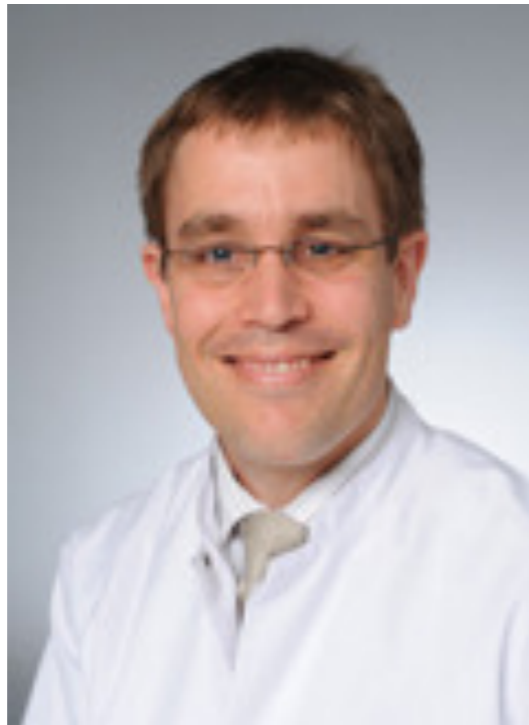
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11.6.5 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: Ethics and Psychiatry Meet Palliative Medicine



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Manuel Trachsel

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11.6.6 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: Advances in Radiofrequency Ablation



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11.6.7 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: Outpatient Palliative Care in Geriatric Clinics



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11.6.8 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: Supportive Care After Breast Cancer: Challenges and Opportunities

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