

A watercolor illustration of a landscape. In the foreground, there is a green lawn and a path made of purple flowers. A black and white street lamp stands on the path. In the background, there is a large green tree, a house with a red roof, and rolling green hills under a blue sky.

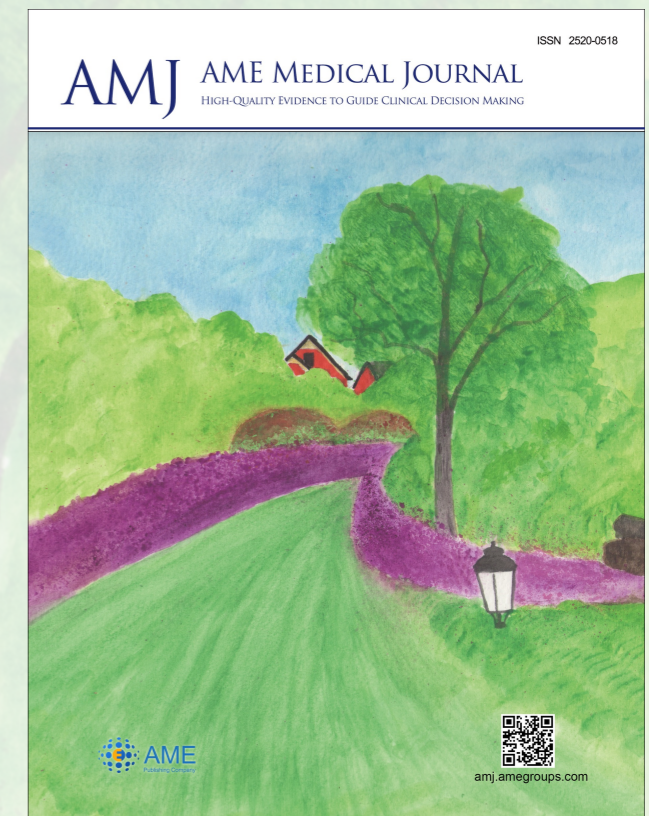
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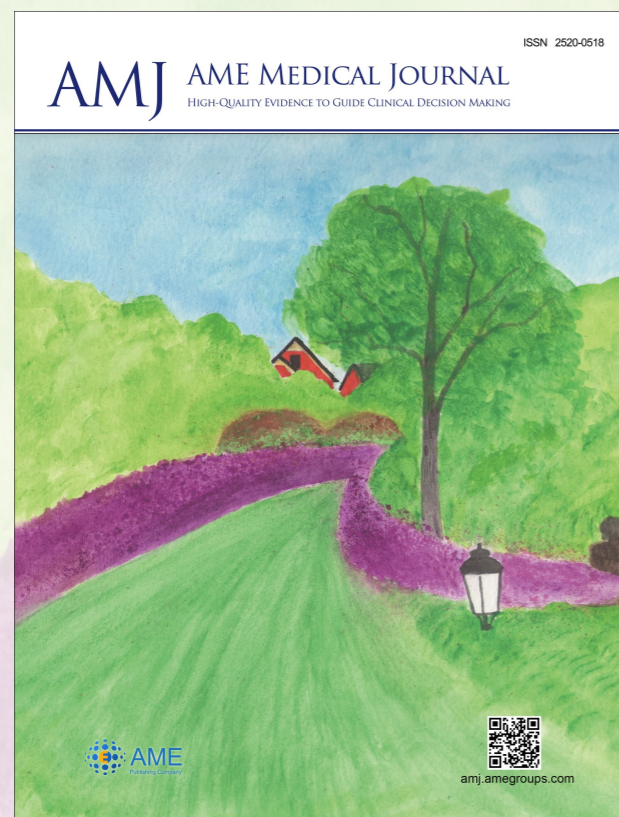
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1. Basic information



AME Medical Journal (ISSN 2520-0518; AME Med J; AMJ; amj.amegroups.com)

- An **open-access, peer-review** journal
- Launched in Oct. 2016
- The **official journal** of the AME College
- Covers a wide field in the medical world
- aims to bring comprehensive academic knowledge to young physicians and surgeons in a vivid and interesting way and in turn, benefits patients
- Indexed in Scopus

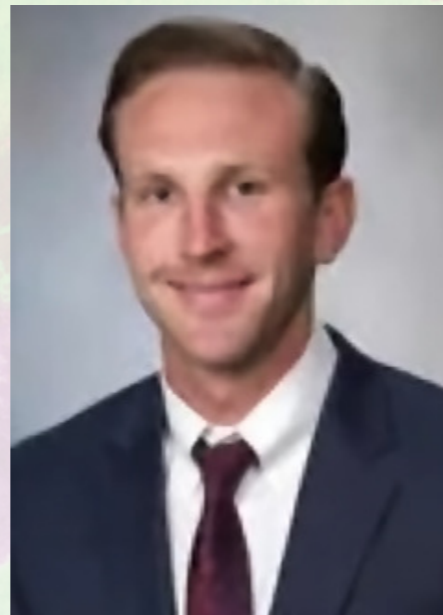
2. Message from the Editors-in-Chief

Our renewed and grateful thanks go to all editors, authors, and reviewers who have been supportive, and have devoted much of their time and effort in nurturing AMJ. This continuous support has been pivotal to the development of the journal.



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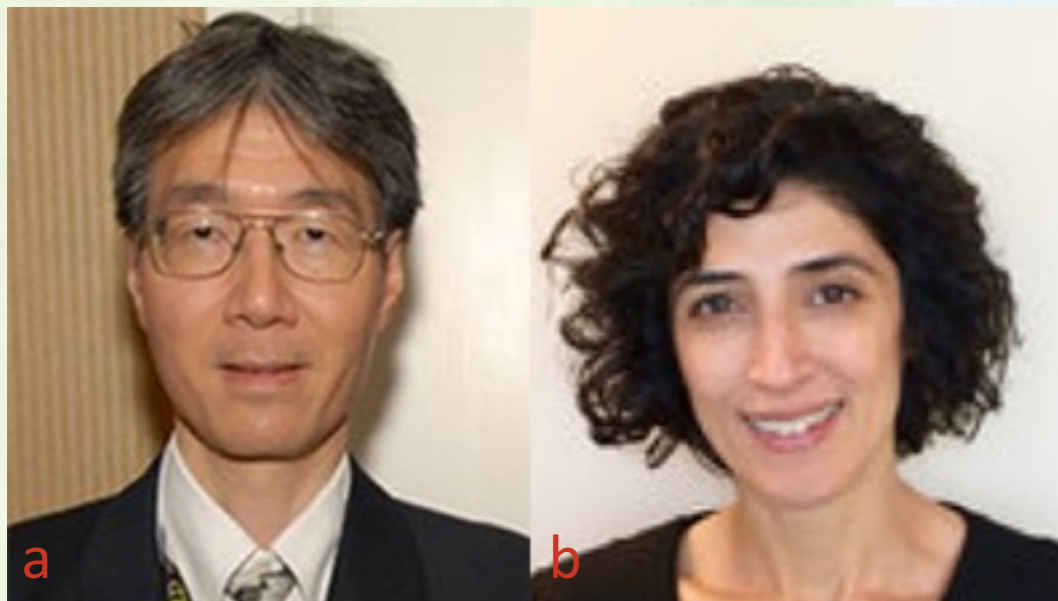
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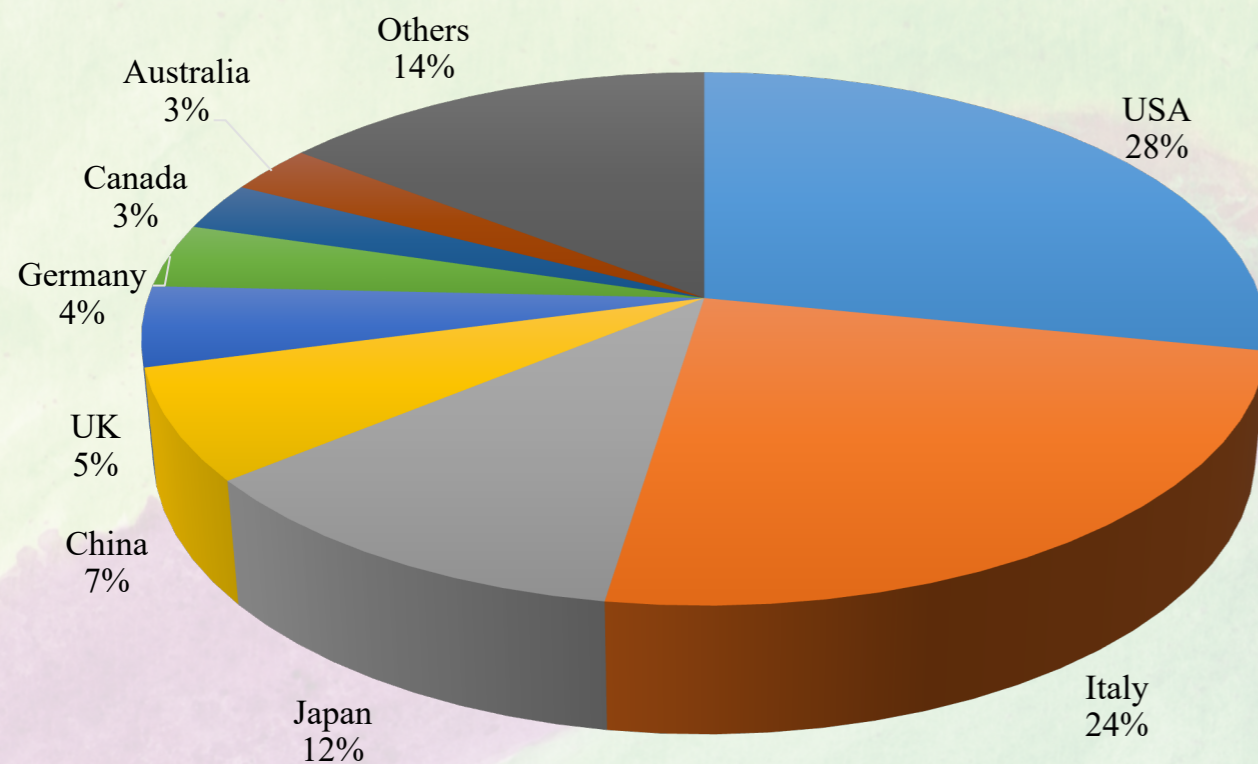
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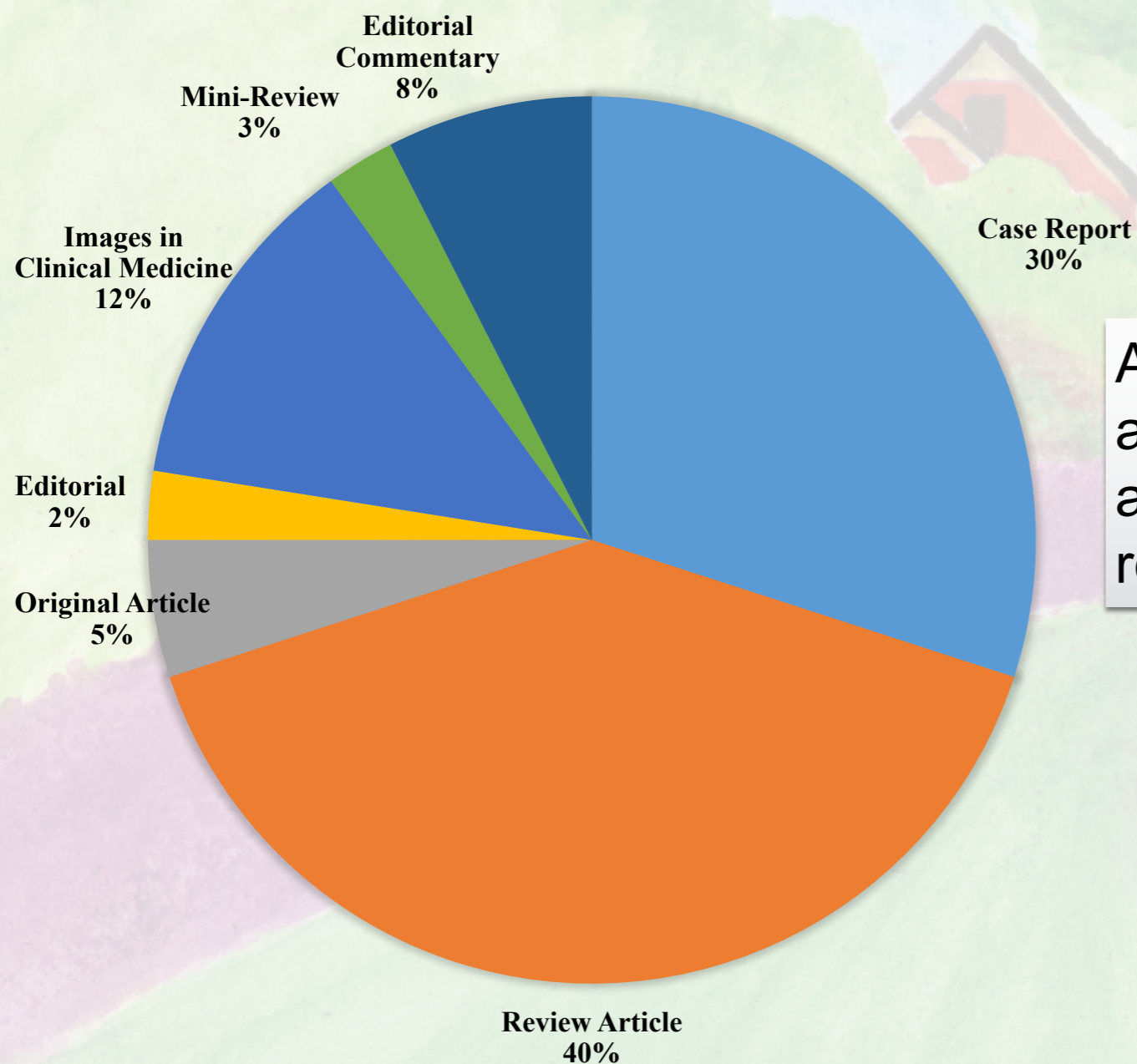
4. Geographic Distribution of Editorial Board Members



All together **103 Members** from all over the world

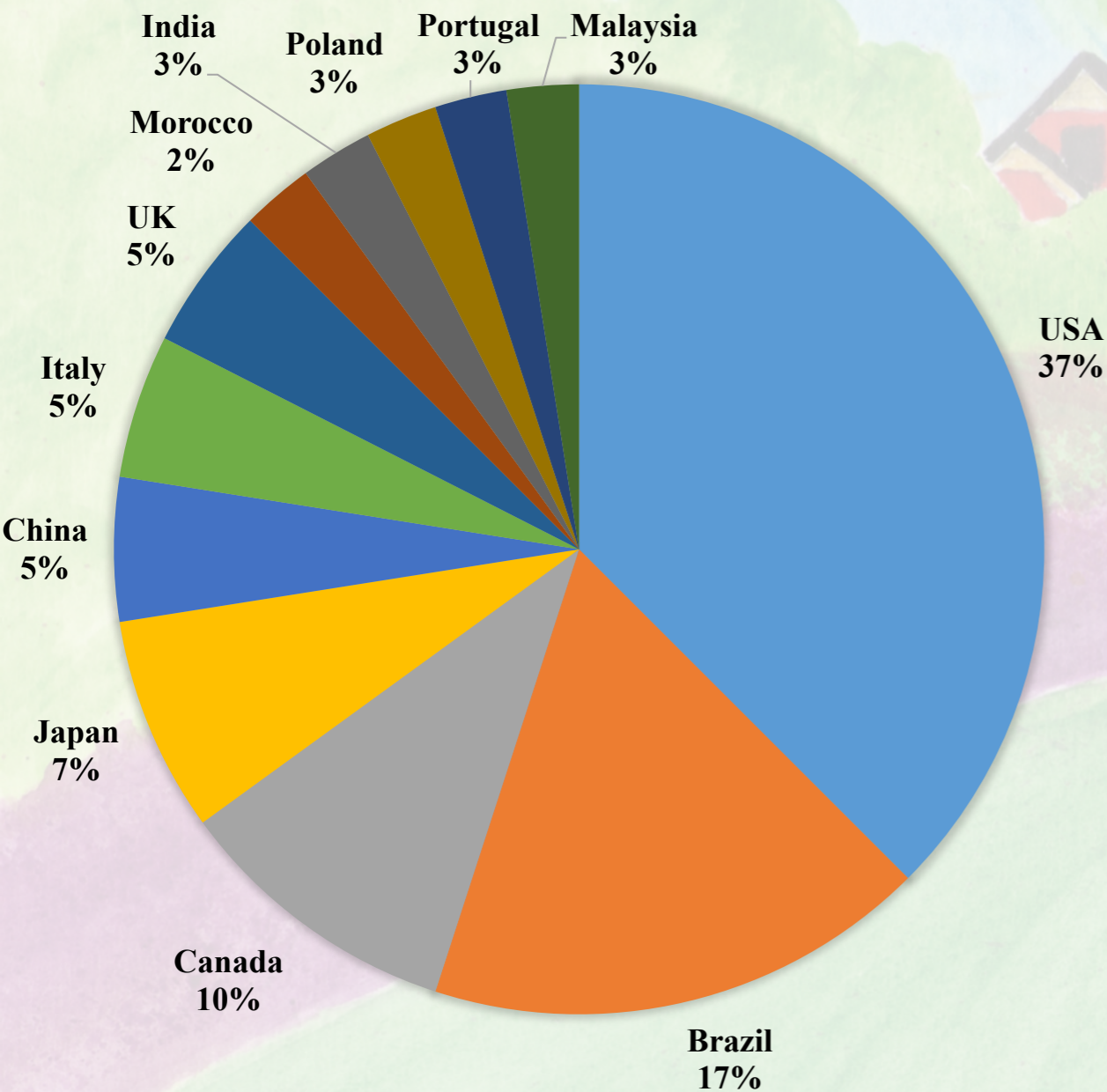
- 3 Editors-in-Chief
- 1 Honorary Editor-in-Chief
- 3 Associate Editors-in-Chief
- 94 Editorial Board members

5. Amount and Diverse Types of Articles Published in 2023



AMJ has published **40 articles** in total, among which **40%** are review articles, **5%** are original articles, and **30%** are case reports.

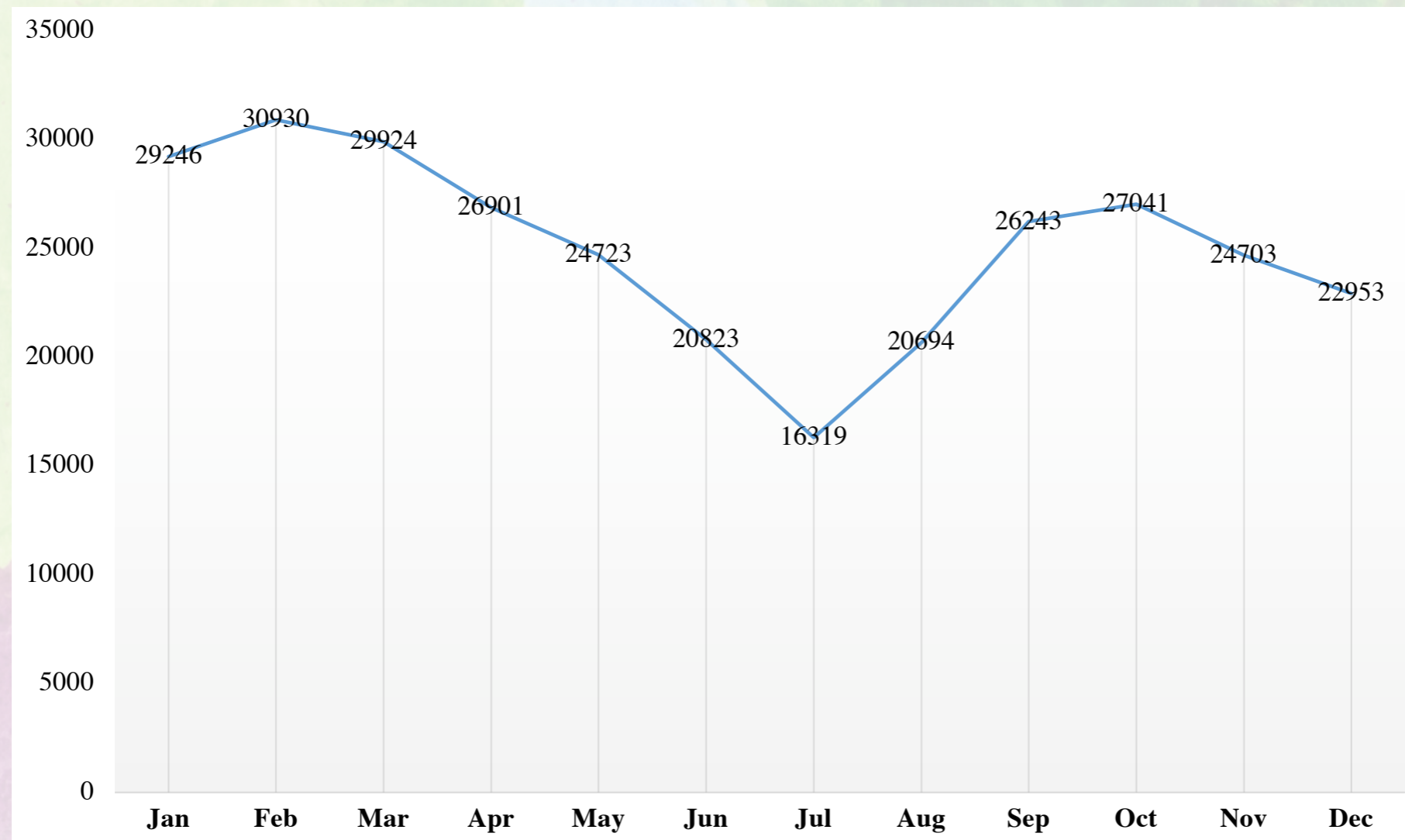
6. Geographic Distribution of Corresponding Authors



AMJ authors come from many parts of the world, including USA, Brazil, Canada, Japan, China, Italy, etc. The wide international spread of authors is one unique characteristic of the journal.

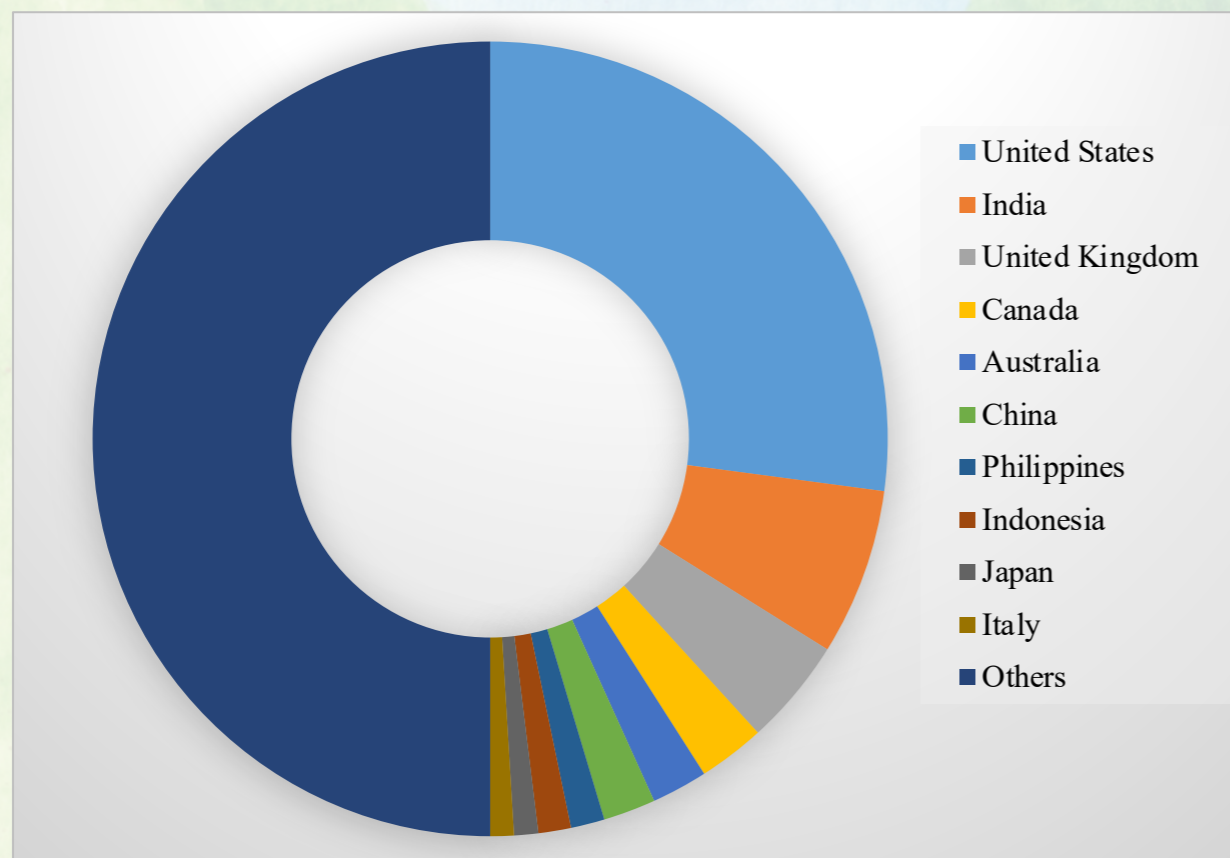
Among the **40** corresponding authors in 2023, **37% come from USA, 17% from Brazil, 10% from Canada**, with the rest from 9 countries around the world.

7. Pageviews of the Website in 2023



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

8. Distribution of Website Visits in 2023



Country	Users
United States	49042
India	12276
United Kingdom	7879
Canada	4908
Australia	4118
China	3860
Philippines	2483
Indonesia	2398
Japan	1777
Italy	1732

All together **127,381** users from different countries worldwide, with the majority from **USA**, followed by **India, UK, Canada, Australia, China, Philippines**, etc.

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

9. Special Series and the Guest Editors (2023)

Liver diseases: Symptoms, causes and novel therapies



10. Special Series and the Guest Editors (in process)

Renal Cell Carcinoma & Penile Cancer

GUEST EDITOR





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10. Special Series and the Guest Editors (in process)

Diagnostic & Therapeutic Bronchoscopy

GUEST EDITORS



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11. Interviews with Outstanding Authors (2023)

In 2023, many authors make outstanding contributions 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. Link: <https://amj.amegroups.com/post/view/interviews-with-outstanding-authors-2023>.

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

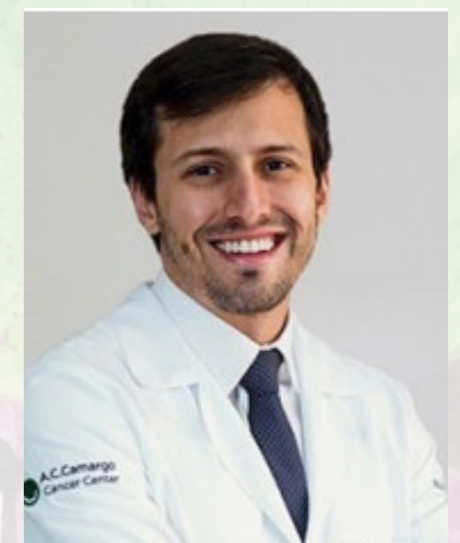
Outstanding Authors (2023)

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Victor Espinheira Santos, AC Camargo Cancer Center, Brazil



Shahzad G. Raja



Victor Espinheira Santos

12. Interviews with Outstanding Reviewers (2023)

In 2023, AMJ 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. Link: <https://amj.amegroups.org/post/view/reviewer-of-the-month-2023>.

February, 2023

Jeffrey Ng



Dr. Jeffrey Ng is currently the Clinical Director of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine at National University Hospital, Singapore. In 2018, he received training at Samsung Medical Centre, Seoul, South Korea, for interventional pulmonology under the supervision of Prof. Kim Hojoong. He has been pursuing his interest in combined EBUS EUS-B FNA for complete mediastinal staging in lung cancer and other clinical applications as part of delivering patient-centric care. As part of therapeutic bronchoscopy work, whether within or without ICU, rigid bronchoscopy, airway stenting, thermal ablative and cryotherapy are part of his expertise. He has been a serving executive member of the Singapore Thoracic Society since 2015 and has been involved in organizing continuing medical education activities. In 2023, he will be a member of the local organizing committee for the 27th Asia Pacific Society of Respiriology (APSR) Congress held in Singapore.

AMJ: What role does peer review play in science?

Dr. Ng: Peer review ensures novelty, appropriateness of method, clarity, validity of conclusion and relevance of scientific publication. This process harnesses aggregated independent assessment of relevant structured criteria with the incorporation of delayed intuitive judgment to facilitate optimal decision-making. Peer reviewers and the process are crucial to ensuring and safekeeping the ethical value, quality and robustness of scientific

publications. If the process is pursued with diligence and consistency, there is greater assurance that publications will serve the greater good. Moreover, there is positive synergy when reviewers gain critical insights through the rigors of reading and critical evaluation of the latest works.

AMJ: What reviewers have to bear in mind while reviewing papers?

Dr. Ng: Reviewers have to be positive and always provide constructive comments to improve research and publication work. However, at appropriate times, they need to exercise their right to reject kindly. In the practice of balance, they also need to manage work and life so as not to work themselves into a detrimental singularity. In contemporary times, Cal Newport describes practices leading to deep work, batching and scheduling time to work without distractions. His ideas of digital minimalism may help reviewers manage distractions from modern-day digital technology. In ancient times, Seneca described being able to work in spite of the noisy and busy environment of ancient Roman cities. Together, they may provide valuable insights into how best to manage a continuum of time, self, work, and life balance.

AMJ: Peer reviewing is often anonymous and non-profitable, what motivates you to do so?

Dr. Ng: I feel happy after reviewing an article that addresses my interest and passion. I am not sure of the exact reason, and I am still in the midst of processing this down to fine granularity. It may be because reviewing articles gives me the satisfaction of knowing that I have contributed to the improvement, addresses my need for purpose and gives me enjoyment from reading well-written work.

(by Brad Li, Alisa Lu)

May, 2023

Eleanor Liu



Dr. Eleanor Liu is a Gastroenterology consultant at the Northern Care Alliance NHS Trust, Manchester, United Kingdom. She obtained her medical degree from the University of Leeds, UK, and completed her Gastroenterology and General Internal Medicine specialty training in Manchester, UK in 2023. Her area of interest within Gastroenterology is Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), and during her specialty training, she completed a 2-year advanced IBD fellowship. Her research interests within IBD include women's health and reproductive issues, dysplasia in IBD and early diagnosis and outcomes. Recent research projects include a questionnaire study looking at the knowledge, attitudes and contraceptive preferences in women of childbearing age living with IBD, and a study looking at healthcare professionals' knowledge and decision making in managing IBD in pregnancy. She is currently a committee member of the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) IBD clinical research group.

In Dr. Liu's opinion, peer review is an essential part of academia and scientific publishing. It ensures that published work is valid and authentic, and promotes a culture of research integrity. The feedback she has received on her work from peer reviewers is invaluable in improving her work for publication. Furthermore, the process of peer review can inspire future research ideas by generating new research questions, which in turn continues the advancement of research in that field.

Dr. Liu reckons that a good peer reviewer should possess several important qualities. Firstly, it is essential that they have relevant expertise in the field so that they are able to provide a valid unbiased review with the appropriate background and knowledge of pre-existing research in the field. Reviewers should be effective at communicating feedback efficiently and constructively, whilst also providing suggestions for improvements. Lastly, we should recognize that all reviewers are individual and will have a slightly different approach to the peer-review process. "Although peer review can be time-consuming, it is an extremely rewarding task and I would encourage new reviewers to persevere with the process as it can be quite daunting at the beginning," she adds.

Additionally, Dr. Liu believes it is vital for authors to declare Conflict of Interest (COI) so there is full transparency. COI can also apply to reviewers and editors; and can be financial and non-financial; personal or professional interests. Almost all medical journals require authors to declare potential COI, but less so for reviewers. By declaring COI, the risk of bias is minimized, thus promoting a culture of research integrity.

(By Lareina Lim, Brad Li)

13. Introduction of the Publisher AME

Our Publisher—

AME Publishing Company

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- Registered in Hong Kong
- 60+ peer-reviewed journals
- 19 indexed by Web of Science (SCIE/ESCI)
- 20 indexed in PubMed/PMC/MEDLINE

- 200+ Medical Books
- 80+ Medical Books in English
- 120+ Medical Books in Chinese
- 150+ Electronic Editions



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