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2025 Annual Report

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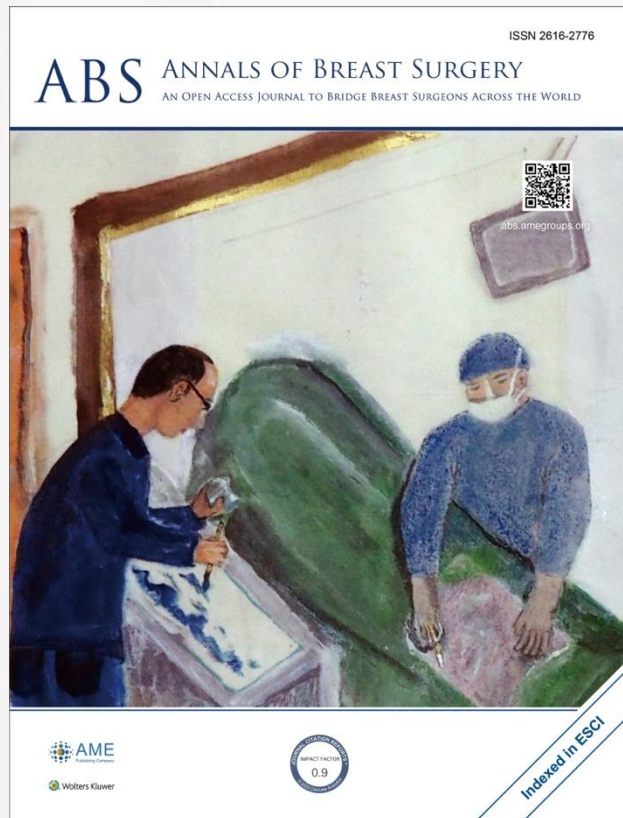
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1. General Information



- Open access
- Peer-reviewed
- Electronic journal
- Online ISSN: 2616-2776
- Launched in August 2017
- Indexed and covered by:
 - **Web of Science [Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)]**
 - **Scopus**
 - **Ovid**
- **First Impact Factor: 0.9**
- Member of Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)

ABS provides current and practical information on prevention, diagnosis, and clinical investigations of breast diseases, which focuses on cutting-edge findings in the field of breast surgery.

2. Editors-in-Chief



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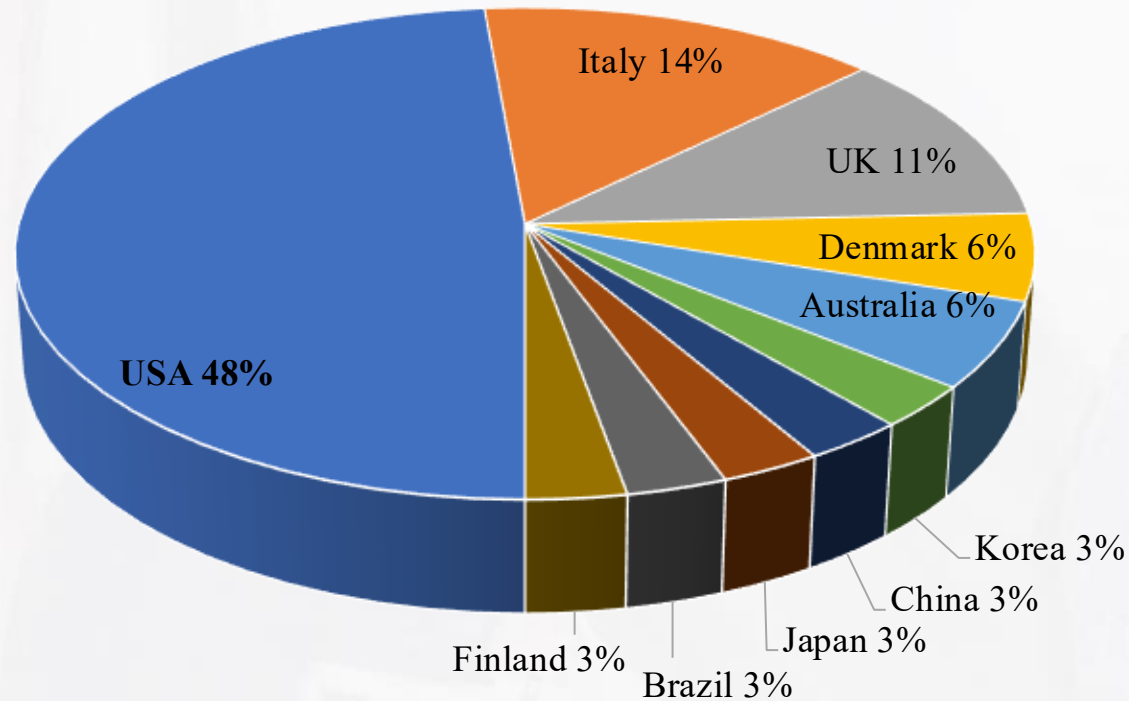
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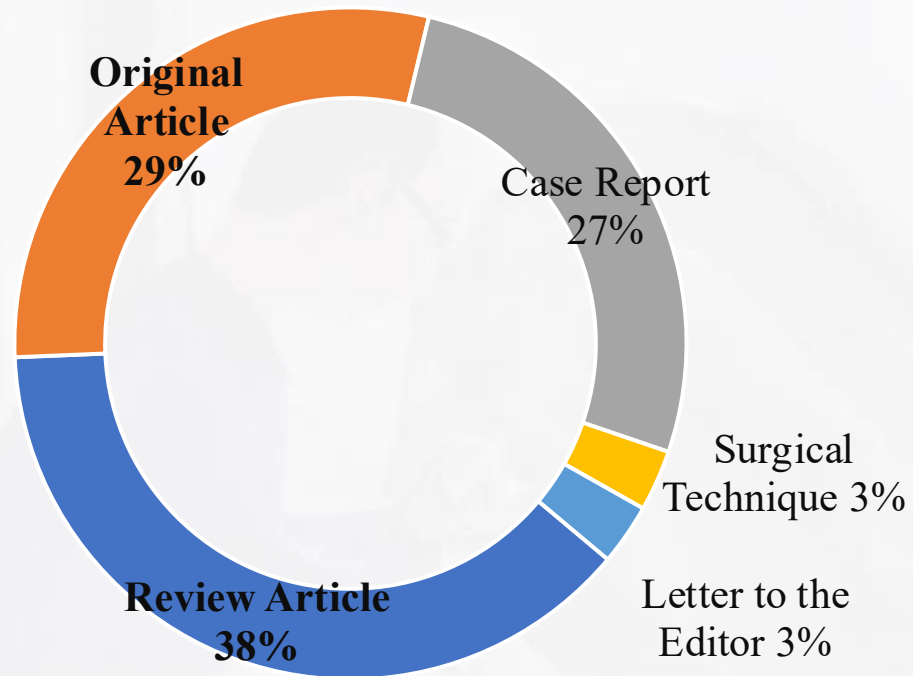
3. Geographic Distribution of Editorial Board Members



35 current editorial board members come from 10 countries, among who there are 48% from the USA, followed by Italy, the UK, Denmark, and Australia.

*The data were collected on January 8, 2026; Former Editorial Board: <https://jovs.amegroups.org/about/formereditor>

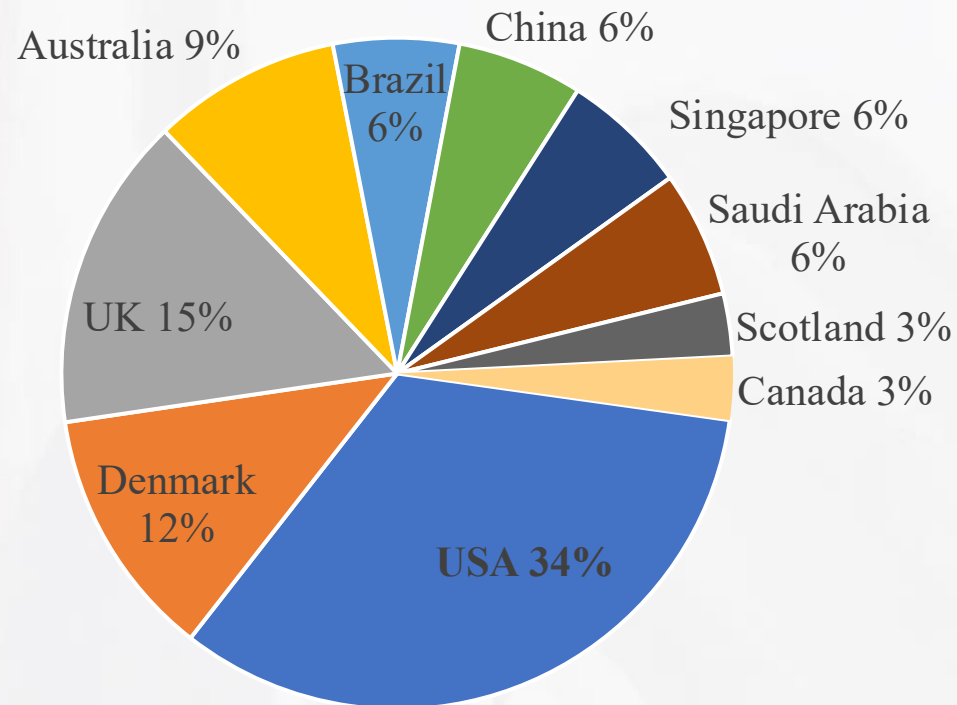
4. Diverse Types of Articles Published in 2025



ABS published 34 articles in 2025, among which there were:

- 13 Review Articles
- 10 Original Articles
- 9 Case Reports
- 1 Surgical Technique
- 1 Letter to the Editor

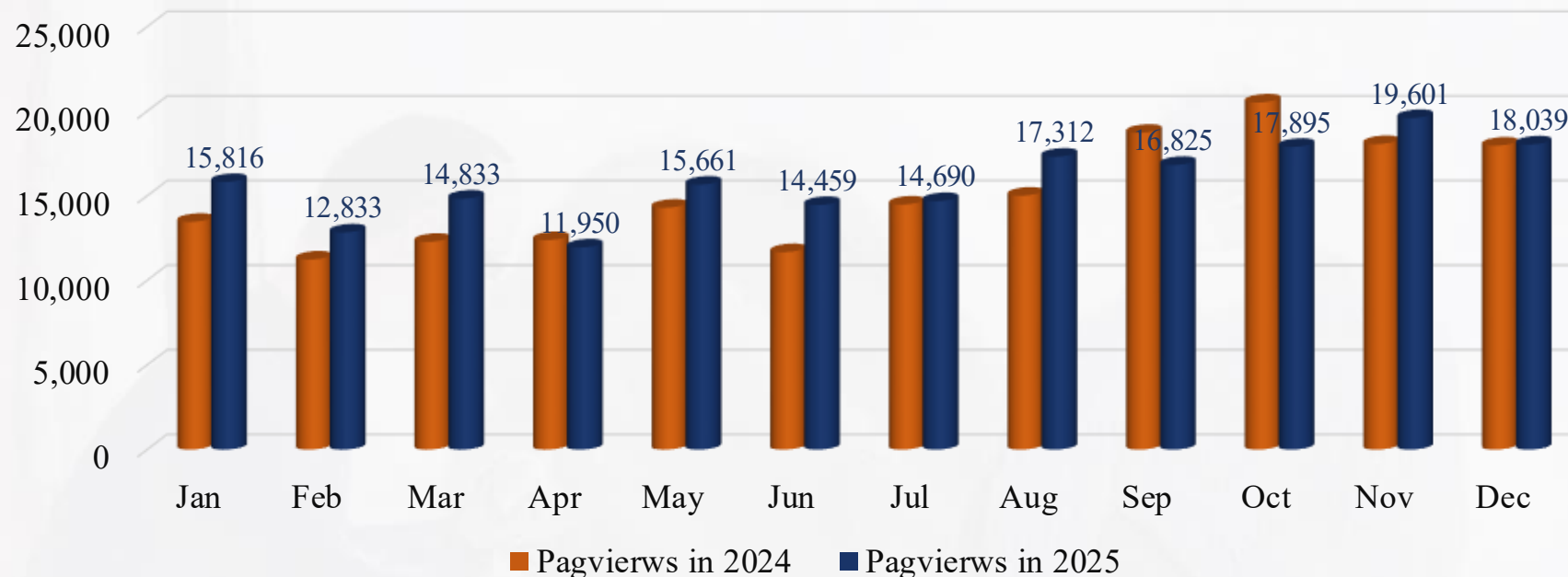
5. Diversity of Corresponding Authors in 2025



In 2025, corresponding authors of 34 articles published in ABS come from 10 countries, most of whom come from the USA, Denmark, the UK and Australia.

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6. Pageviews from Google Analytics between 2024 and 2025



Pageviews of ABS from Google Analytics in 2025 reached **189,833** in total, an increase of **5.4%** over 2024. Especially, it came up to **19,601** in November 2025.

*The data were collected from Google Analytics on January 8, 2026.

7. Website Visits in 2025

From Jan 1st, 2025 to Dec 31st, 2025, ABS has a total of **103,386** visitors. Readers who visited ABS website were from **198** regions and countries, with the majority from the **USA**, followed by **China**, **India**, the **UK** and **Canada**.



Country	Visits (Top 10)
USA	38,320
China	10,891
UK	6,878
India	6,397
Singapore	4,752
Australia	2,820
Canada	2,799
Indonesia	2,262
Brazil	1,818
Turkey	1,642

*The data were collected from Google Analytics on January 8, 2026.

8. Most Read Articles Published in 2025 (Top 5)

Article Type	Authors	Title	Article Link
Original Article	Alexandria Pumilia	Implant-based breast reconstruction—a systematic review and meta-analysis of prepectoral versus submuscular implant placement	https://abs.amegroups.org/article/view/9244/html
Original Article	Belma Doyle	Comparative analysis of sentinel lymph node localization techniques: evaluating Magtrace (superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticle) against conventional technetium-99m (Tc-99m) and blue dye methods for breast cancer, and assessment of patient satisfaction	https://abs.amegroups.org/article/view/8865/html
Review Article	Professor Kwok-Leung Cheung	Axillary management in older women with early operable invasive breast carcinoma: a narrative review	https://abs.amegroups.org/article/view/8813/html
Review Article	Sarah Tevis	Improving value-concordant shared decision making through the use of patient decision aids in breast cancer: a narrative review	https://abs.amegroups.org/article/view/8993/html
Review Article	Mhairi Mactier	Exploring the association between post-operative complications, disease-recurrence & mortality in primary operable breast cancer—systematic review & meta-analysis	https://abs.amegroups.org/article/view/9110/html

For more articles, please scan the code.



9. Published Special Series

➤ Breast Cancer-related Lymphedema



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10. Ongoing Special Series

➤ Innovations in Breast Surgery



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11. Special Contents - Interviews with Editorial Board Members (2025)

ABS features a distinguished editorial board, the members of which continue to instill the power of their expertise for the journal's development. By launching 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.



Figure 1 Dr. Masakazu Toi

Interview

ABS: Your research focuses on breast cancer, specifically the tumor-immune microenvironment (TIME). What first sparked your interest in this area?

Dr. Toi: In 1990-1992, I studied angiogenesis in the UK. During that time, I discovered that IL-4 promotes the proliferation of vascular endothelial cells. IL-4 is a cytokine originally identified by Professor Tasuku Honjo as an immune regulator. Under the supervision of Professor Adrian Harris, I found that IL-4 also promotes the proliferation of breast cancer cells. This discovery motivated me to continue researching the tumor microenvironment. I dedicated myself to analyzing the expression and abnormalities of various molecules expressed in the TIME using human breast cancer tissue. Although it was not well understood at the time, I was the first to report that we could distinguish between protumor and antitumor macrophages with CD68 and thymidine phosphorylase (TP) as indicators. This approach was also useful for identifying the dynamics of TIME. Since then, I have focused on the changes of TIME and its modifications caused by treatments.

ABS: Could you elaborate on the publications on the molecular imaging of the TIME? What are some of the most promising findings that stood out to you, and how do they potentially impact treatment outcomes for patients with breast cancer?

Dr. Toi: While studying angiogenesis, I began to think it would be beneficial to diagnose and image cancer by focusing on tumor angiogenesis. In 2007, I became a professor at the Kyoto University School of Medicine, where the development of photo-acoustic imaging (PAI) technology was just beginning. I joined a group within the Canon-Kyoto University project and was involved in developing PAI equipment for breast and lymphatic vessels. Subsequently, I participated in the ImPACT project of the Japanese Cabinet Office.

ABS: With over 800 publications in the field, you have made significant contributions to breast cancer treatment, diagnostics, and prevention. What do you consider to be your most important or groundbreaking findings to date?

12. Special Contents - Interviews with Outstanding Authors (2025)

In 2025, many authors bring new findings, practical information on the diagnosis and treatment of conditions related to breast diseases 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.

More details, please refer to: <https://abs.amegroups.org/post/view/interviews-with-outstanding-authors-2025>

[Kwok-Leung Cheung, University of Nottingham, UK](#)

[Elizabeth Wei Tan, University of Melbourne, Australia](#)

[Sakshi Andersen, Copenhagen University Hospital, Denmark](#)

[Leah Candell, Kaiser Permanente, USA](#)

[Rachel R. Fan, Henry Ford Hospital, USA](#)

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[Jennifer Den, University of Texas, USA](#)

[Dacita To-ki Suen, Queen Mary and Tung Wah Hospitals, Hong Kong, China](#)

13. Special Contents - Reviewer of the Month (2025)

In 2025, ABS 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.

Guido Firmani



Guido Firmani is a plastic surgeon currently based at the plastic surgery unit of Piacenza in northern Italy. He also works as a lecturer at Sapienza University where he has graduated with honors and obtained his specialist title. His main research areas revolve around plastic surgery of the breast with focuses of microsurgery, as well as breast implant safety.

ABS: Why do we need peer review? What is so important about it?

Dr. Firmani: The peer-review process safekeeps the integrity of medical research and the scientific method in general. It protects from misinformation by critically evaluating claims and evidence. It also sets a standard of quality, credibility, and reliability of academic and professional work which must be taken into consideration all the while holding researchers accountable to the scrutiny from their peers and experts in any given subject. It is essential for maintaining innovations amenable to valid scientific criticism and transparency.

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

Dr. Firmani: Reviewers must bear in mind that they are interacting with peers and as such, criticism must be laid in a constructive manner with genuine valuable suggestions to improve their work, which can strengthen their arguments, clarify ideas, and refine their methodologies. The goal is not to admonish potentially innovative concepts or gatekeep new ideas. However, the importance of sound scientific rigor is absolute and must be applied to all with the same standards and the same transparency.

ABS: Is it important for authors to disclose Conflict of Interest (COI)?

Dr. Firmani: It is extremely important for researchers to acknowledge any potential COI for the sake of transparency and to strengthen academic integrity. To maintain this transparency is to uphold the values of honesty and fairness in research and to maintain trust with the readers, other reviewers, editors and the scientific community in general. This allows the readership to assess the credibility of the findings and helps preventing undue influence from possible financial ties to a company benefiting from the research outcome.

14. Important News in 2025

In October 2025, AME has entered into a proposed journal publishing partnership with **Wolters Kluwer Health**: <https://www.newswise.com/articles/ame-and-wolters-kluwer-aim-to-expand-access-to-global-medical-research-through-new-collaboration>.

As part of the collaboration, 49 Open Access journals published by AME will be made available on Wolters Kluwer Health's **Lippincott** and **Ovid** platforms, including **ABS**.

15. Introduction of the Publisher AME

Our Publisher–

AME Publishing Company

<https://www.amegroups.com/>

- Established in 2009
- Registered in Hong Kong
- 10 offices around the world

- **60+ peer-reviewed journals**
 - **37 indexed by Web of Science (SCIE/ESC)**
 - **21 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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