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1. Basic Information

- Open Access & Peer Reviewed
- Launched in Dec. 2009
- Indexed by **PubMed** in Dec. 2011
- Indexed by **Web of Science [Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE)]** on Feb. 4th, 2013
- Published Monthly since Jan. 2014
- Impact Factor (2023): **2.1**

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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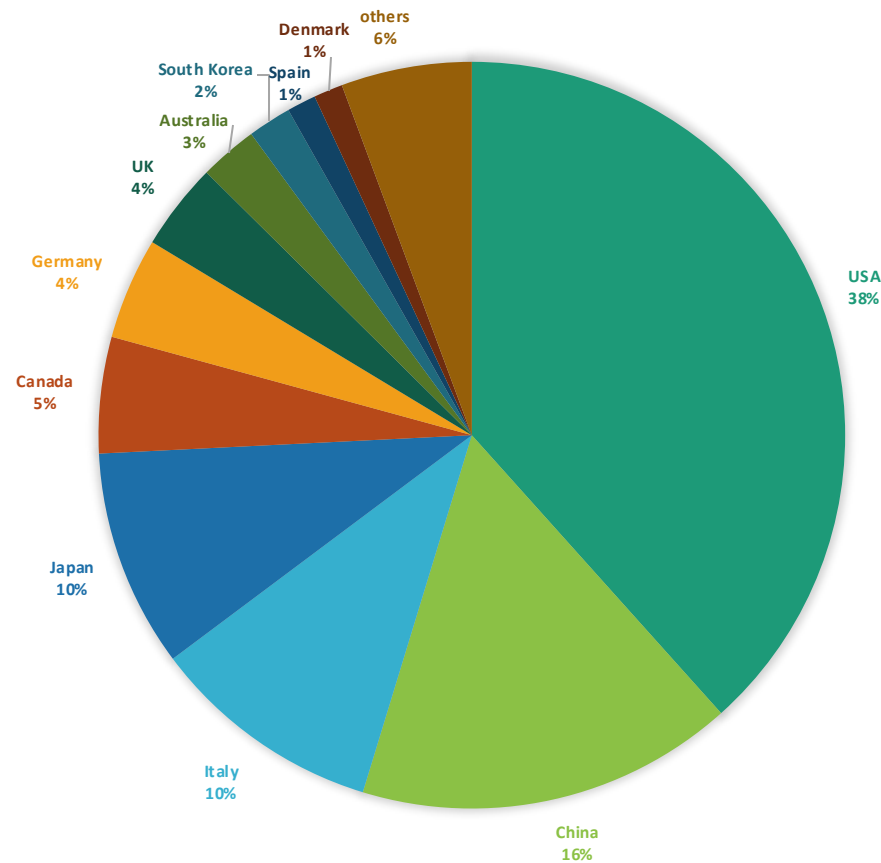
Nanshan Zhong, MD
Editor-in-Chief, JTD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jianxing He', written in a cursive style.

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

2. Distribution of Editorial Board Members

% of total: 100% (160 Board Members from 20 countries)



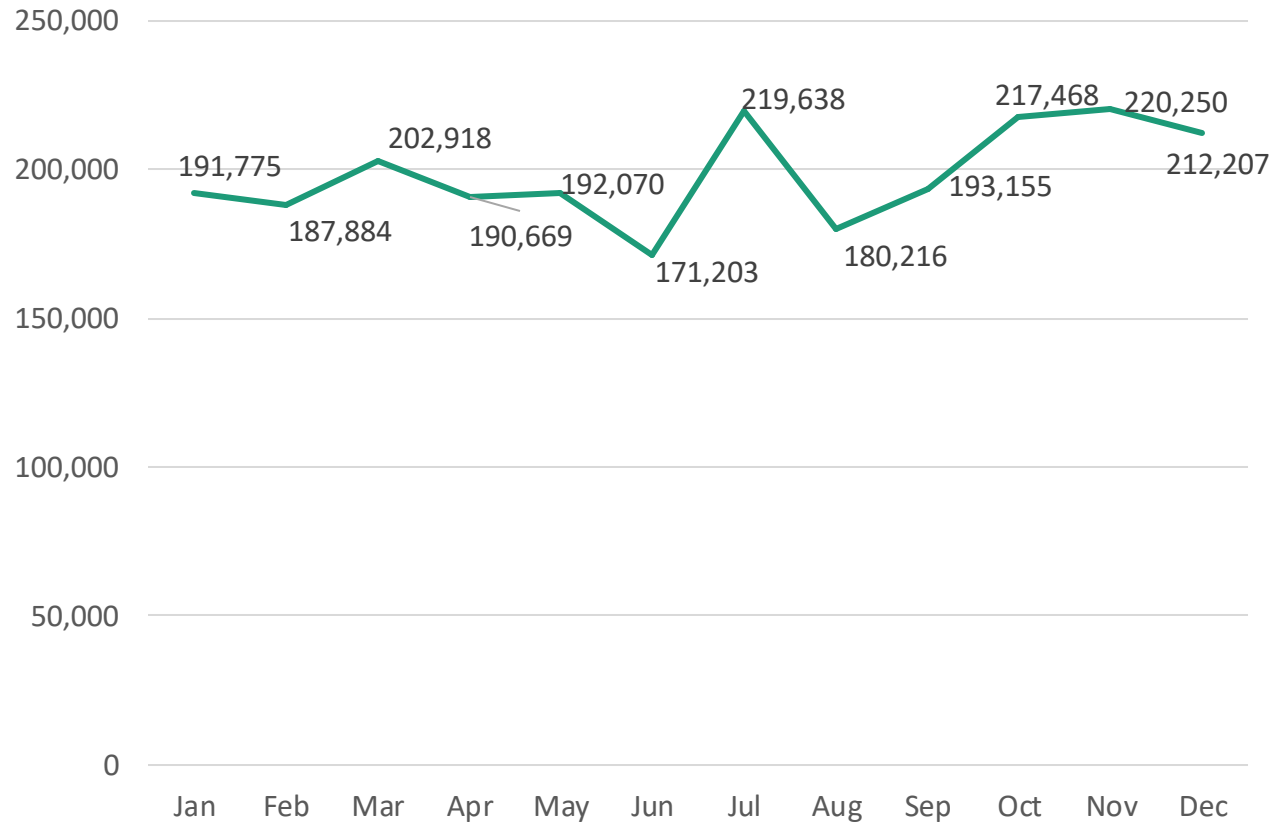
Others include Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Serbia, South Africa, Ireland, France, Belgium, Brazil

3. Most Read Articles Published in 2024 (Top 10)

Issue	Title	Article Type	Corresponding Author
V16N2	Chylothorax: pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management—a comprehensive review	Review Article	Benjamin Pippard (UK)
V16N2	Postoperative atrial fibrillation (POAF) after cardiac surgery: clinical practice review	Review Article	Subhasis Chatterjee (USA)
V16N7	Impact of radiological follow-up frequency on resected lung cancer: a propensity score matching analysis	Original Article	Álvaro Fuentes-Martí(Spain)
V16N2	Cardiac related pleural effusions: a narrative review	Review Article	Thisarana Wijayaratne(IK)
V16N1	Benign tumors of the chest wall	Review Article	Fabrizio Minervini(Switzerland)
V16N5	A narrative review of theophylline: is there still a place for an old friend?	Review Article	Martin Scurek(Czechia)
V16N4	CXCR7 promotes pulmonary vascular remodeling via targeting p38/MMP2 pathway in pulmonary arterial hypertension	Original Article	Xin Zhang, Dongxiao Huang(China)
V16N5	Lung abscess: the non-conservative management: a narrative review	Review Article	Walid Hadid(USA)
V16N2	Pectus excavatum and carinatum: a narrative review of epidemiology, etiopathogenesis, clinical features, and classification	Review Article	Erik R. de Loos(The Netherlands)
V16N2	Hepatic hydrothorax	Review Article	Benjamin Pippard(UK)

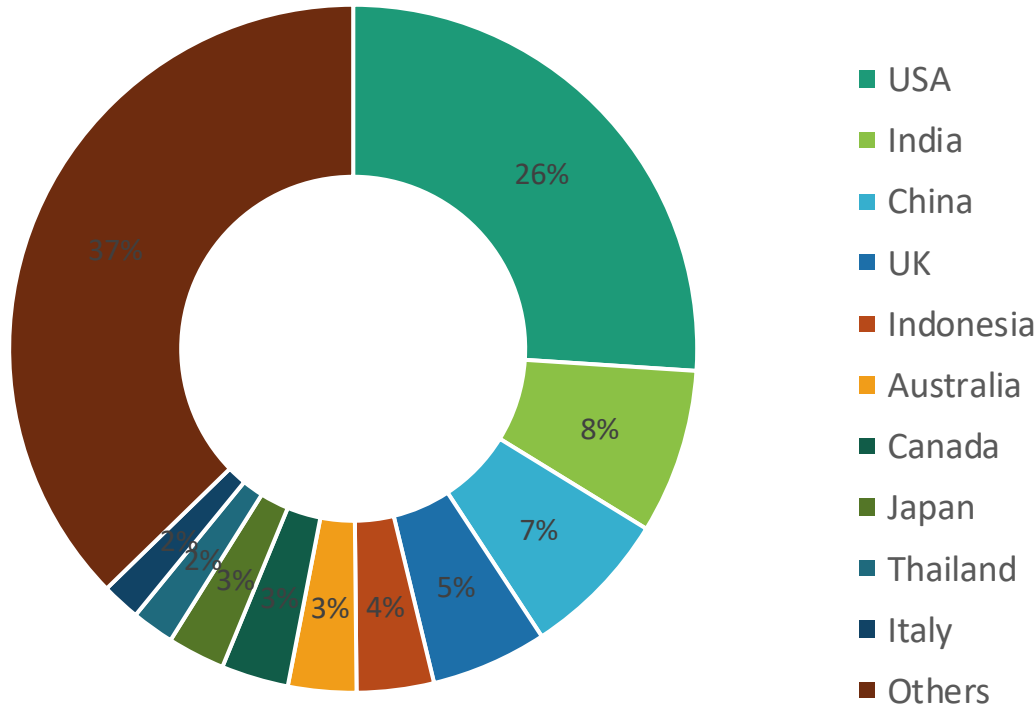
*Data source: <https://jtd.amegroups.org/article/mostRead?queryYear=2024>; collected on Jan. 10, 2025

4. Pageviews of the Website (2024)



Data were collected from Google Analytics on Jan 6, 2025.

5. Distribution of Website Visits (2024)



Country	Users
United States	259,468
India	77,143
China	69,767
United Kingdom	54,404
Indonesia	36,119
Australia	31,967
Canada	31,491
Japan	26,940
Thailand	19,878
Italy	18,096

All together 996,935 users from different countries worldwide, with the majority from USA, followed by India, China, UK, Indonesia, Australia, Canada, etc.

Data were collected from Google Analytics on Jan. 6, 2025.

6. 1 Special Series (Ongoing)

Theme	Guest Editor	Country
Advances in Interventional Pulmonary	Fayez Kheir	USA
Frontiers in bronchiectasis management: Translational science and practice	James D Chalmers, Wei-Jie Guan	UK, China
Biologics on Asthma: Embracing the Future	Kian Fan Chung, Ruchong Chen	UK, China
13th International London Cough Symposium	Kian Fan Chung, Woo-Jung Song	UK, South Korea
Cough Section	Woo-Jung Song	South Korea
Air Pollution Section	Junfeng Zhang	US
WHO-GARD Section	Yousser Mohammad, Luis Taborda-Barata	Syria, Portugal

6. 2 Special Series (Published in 2024)

Theme	Guest Editor	Country
Chest Wall Resections and Reconstructions	Erik de Loos, José Ribas de Campos, Jean Daemen	the Netherlands; Brazil; the Netherlands
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
Surgical Treatment of Arrhythmias	Hiroshi Kubota	Japan
Extracorporeal Life Support in Thoracic Surgery	Ilhan Inci	Switzerland
Malignant and Benign Pleural Effusions	Avinash Aujayeb	UK



7. Interviews with Editorial Board Members (2024)

JTD 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.

- [Meeting the Editorial Board Member of JTD: Dr. Daniel Kreisel](#)
- [Meeting the Associate Editor-in-Chief of JTD: Dr. Fayez Kheir](#)
- [Meeting the Associate Editor-in-Chief of JTD: Dr. Chi Wan Koo](#)
- [Meeting the Editorial Board Member of JTD: Dr. Henry S. Park](#)



8. Interviews with Outstanding Authors (2024)

In 2024, 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 (2024)

Ryaan El-Andari, The University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada

Gengyi Zou, MD Anderson Cancer Center, USA

Brian Mitzman, University of Utah, USA

Keisei Tachibana, Kyorin University, Japan

David C. Rotzinger, University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Anthony Yii, Changi General Hospital, Singapore

Takashi Makino, Tokyo Rosai Hospital, Japan

Cristian Deana, Academic Hospital of Udine, Italy

João Paulo Cassiano de Macedo, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

Thisarana Wijayaratne, The University of Bristol, UK

The full interviewed author list is available at: <https://jtd.amegroups.org/post/view/interviews-with-outstanding-authors-2024>

9. Interviews with Outstanding Reviewers (2024)

In 2024, 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, 2024

Luca Voltolini



Dr. Luca Voltolini is Associate Professor in the Careggi University Hospital, Florence, Italy. He was Director of Lung Transplantation Unit at Siena University Hospital from 2012 to 2014, and has become the Director of Thoracic Surgery Unit, Careggi University Hospital since 2014. His research area and projects are multimodality approach to lung tumors and thymic neoplasms, complex airway reconstruction, VATS segmentectomy, and HITHOC in malignant mesothelioma. He was also the author of 143 scientific publications, 1 monography and 5 book chapters, and member of the editorial board of the *European Journal of Cardio-thoracic Surgery* (2017-2023) and the *Journal of Thoracic Disease* (JTD).

According to Dr. Voltolini, as a reviewer, being the first to read a paper and critically evaluating other clinicians' papers is a good way to learn how to write a good paper.

"I choose to review for JTD as it is growing greatly in terms of scientific quality of publications. I believe all clinicians who want to submit papers for publication should have an interest in the review process," says Dr. Voltolini .

(by Lareina Lim, Brad Li)

May, 2024

Teruhiko Imamura



Dr. Teruhiko Imamura, MD, PhD, serves as a clinician-researcher focusing on cardiovascular medicine and working at the University of Toyama, Japan. He is an expert in advanced heart failure, particularly mechanical circulatory support and heart transplantation. He has published >700 academic papers about cardiovascular medicines, is >5 fellows of academic societies, completed >1000 formal academic presentations, conducted >1000 peer reviews, and received >80 awards. His current concern is how to construct therapeutic strategies incorporating recently introduced medications, non-invasive modalities for disease assessments, and percutaneous/surgical interventions. He has also a great concern about the study collaboration with other researchers. Learn more about him [here](#).

"Science should not be selfish," says Dr. Imamura. However, in most cases, he sees that researchers often tend to be selfish if they work alone. They believe that their findings are perfect. Therefore, he indicates that such findings should be peer-reviewed by other researchers and receive various criticisms. In peer-review process, the findings could be further enhanced and become more sophisticated after these peer reviews and dedicated discussion between the authors and reviewers. On the contrary, reviewers also can learn how to research. Such knowledge further improves reviewers' daily workings.

To make sure his review is objective, he does not check the name or affiliation of the authors at first. Second, he focuses on the scientific findings alone avoiding emotional review as a pure scientist. Third, as a reviewer, instead of an editor, he just lists good points, bad points, and uncertain points. At the same time, he does not mention the acceptability of the draft.

"I sincerely express my great appreciation for peer review. I have published many academic papers. I believe that they are the products of collaboration between me and the reviewers. A good academic paper cannot be published by good researcher alone. I believe that reviewers should receive more honoraria or awards in the future. The peer review is the great work that should be more praised," says Dr. Imamura.

(by Lareina Lim, Brad Li)

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

Annual Hospital Speciality Ranking in China

- Respiratory Medicine: has been ranking **the First** in China since 2009
- Thoracic Surgery: ranking **the 5th**
- Allergy: ranking **the 5th**



11. Official publication of: China State Key Laboratory of Respiratory Disease (SKLRD)

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

- 635 SCI-indexed papers in the year of 2024
- 33 papers published in journals with impact factor (IF) ≥ 20 ; more than 133 papers published in journals with impact factor (IF) ≥ 10

Patents

- According to incomplete statistics, in 2024, the laboratory was granted a total of 75 patents, including 49 invention patents, 21 utility model patents, 4 computer software copyrights, 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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