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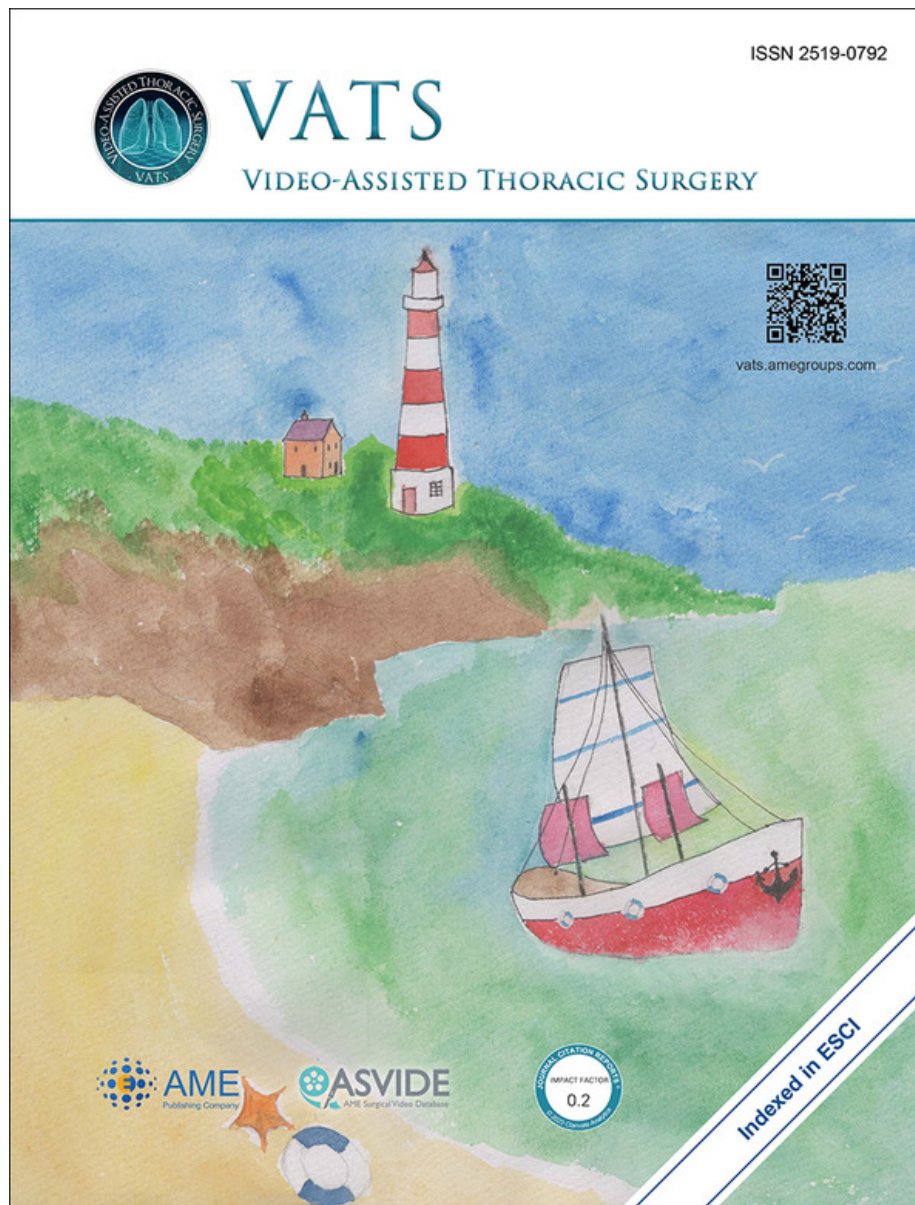


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1. Basic Information



- Launched in May 2016
- ISSN: 2519-0792
- Indexed by Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) (*2022 IF: 0.2*) and Scopus (*2022 CiteScore: 0.3*)
- Open Access & Peer-Review & Electronic Journal
- Quarterly Publication
(March/June/September/December)
- Endorsed by the Italian Society of Thoracic Surgery (SICT) & Member of the Surgery Journal Editors Group (SJEG)
- Focuses on the cutting-edge findings and application of video-assisted thoracic surgery



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2.1 Honorary Editor-in-Chief



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2.2 Editors-in-Chief



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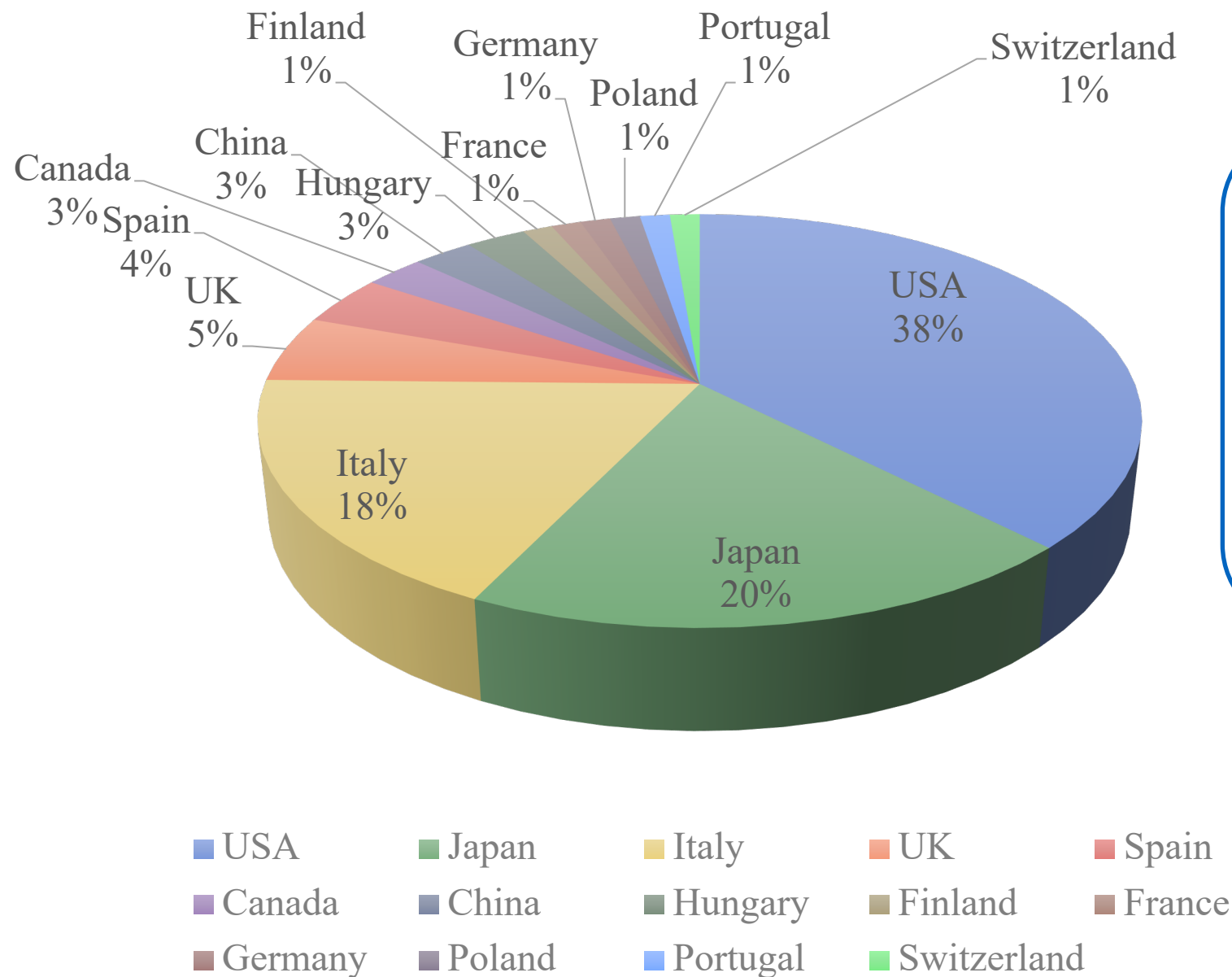


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3. Geographical Distribution of Editorial Board Members

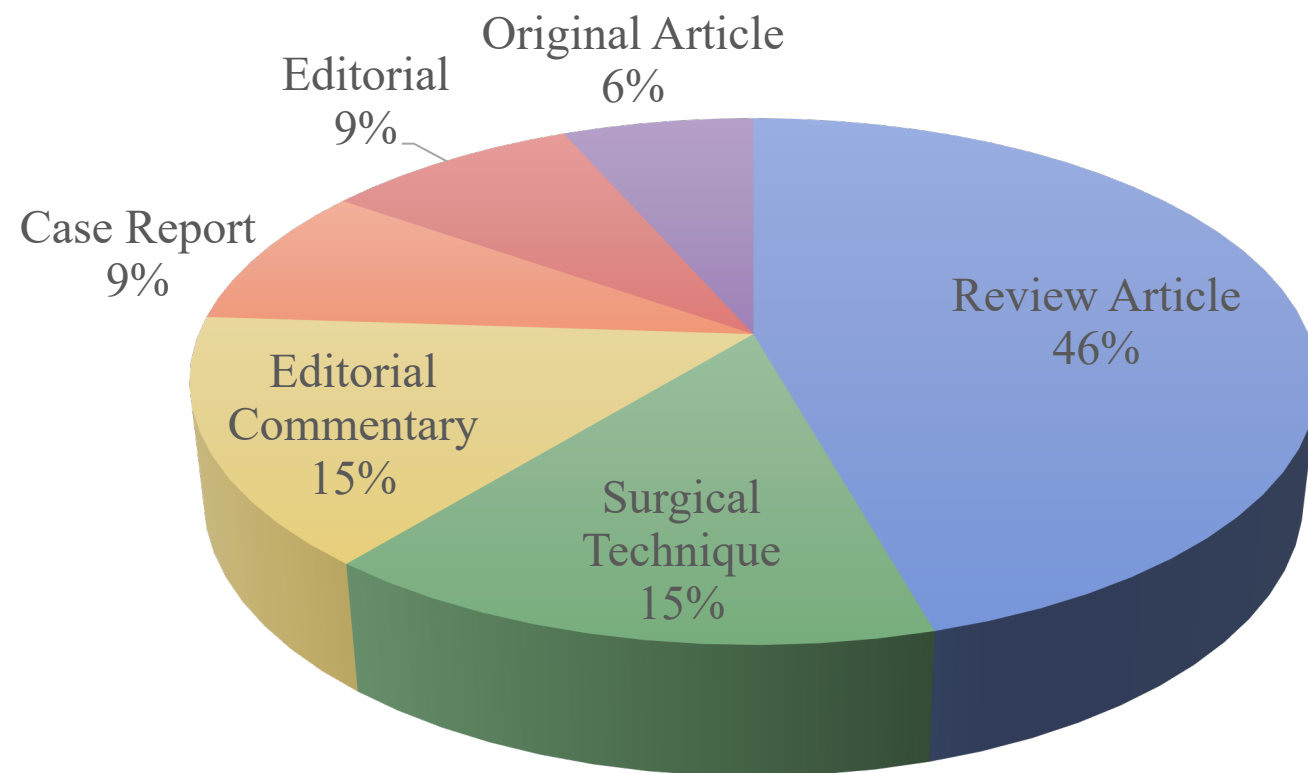


A total of **77** Members from **14** countries

- 1 Honorary Editor-in-Chief
- 2 Editors-in-Chief
- 1 Associate Editor-in-Chief
- 73 Editorial Board Members



4. Diverse Types of Articles Published in 2023

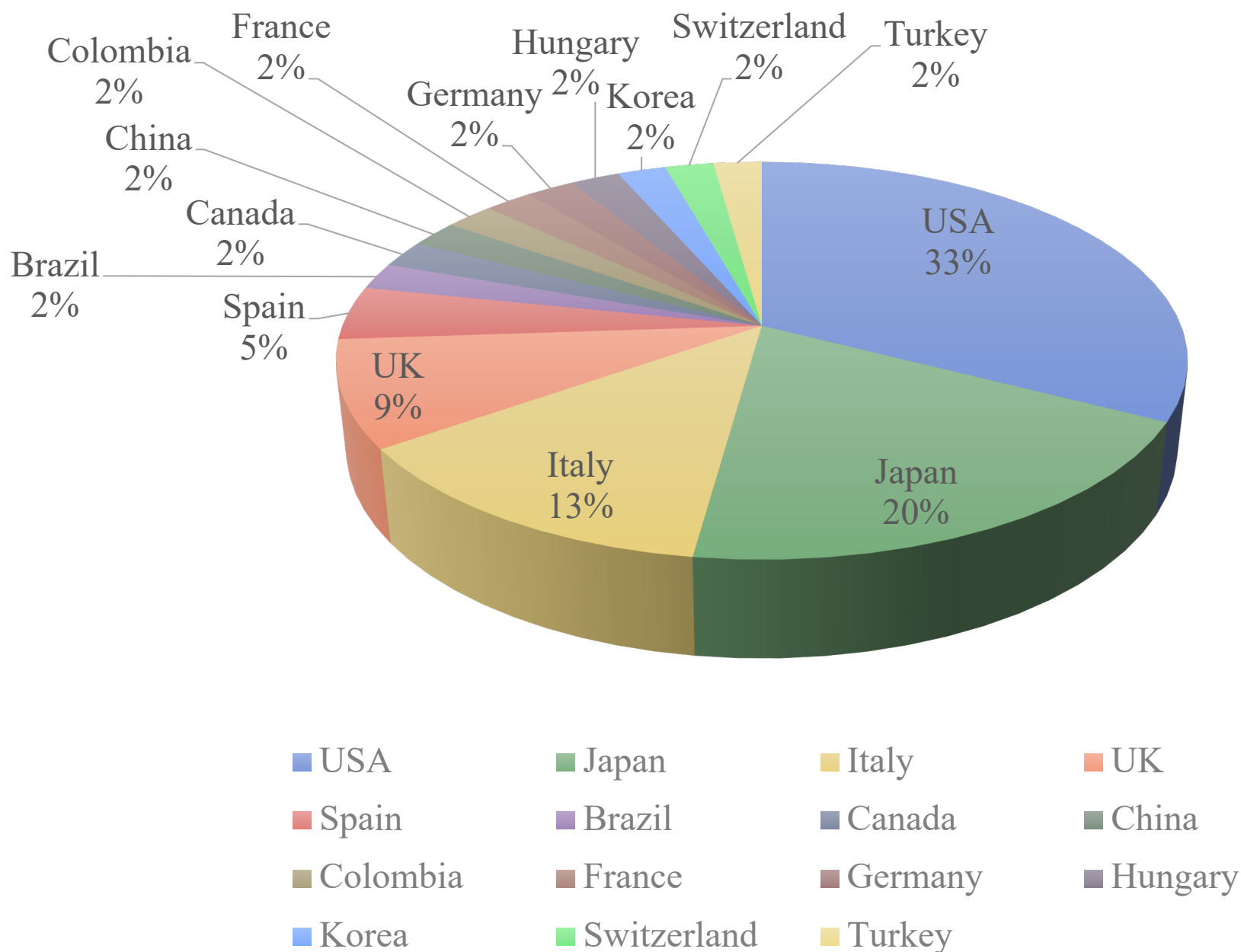


- Review Article
- Surgical Technique
- Editorial Commentary
- Case Report
- Editorial
- Original Article

In 2023, VATS published **46** articles, with 21 Review Article, 7 Surgical Technique, 7 Editorial Commentary, 4 Case Report, 4 Editorial and 3 Original Article.



5. International Diversity of Corresponding Authors in 2023



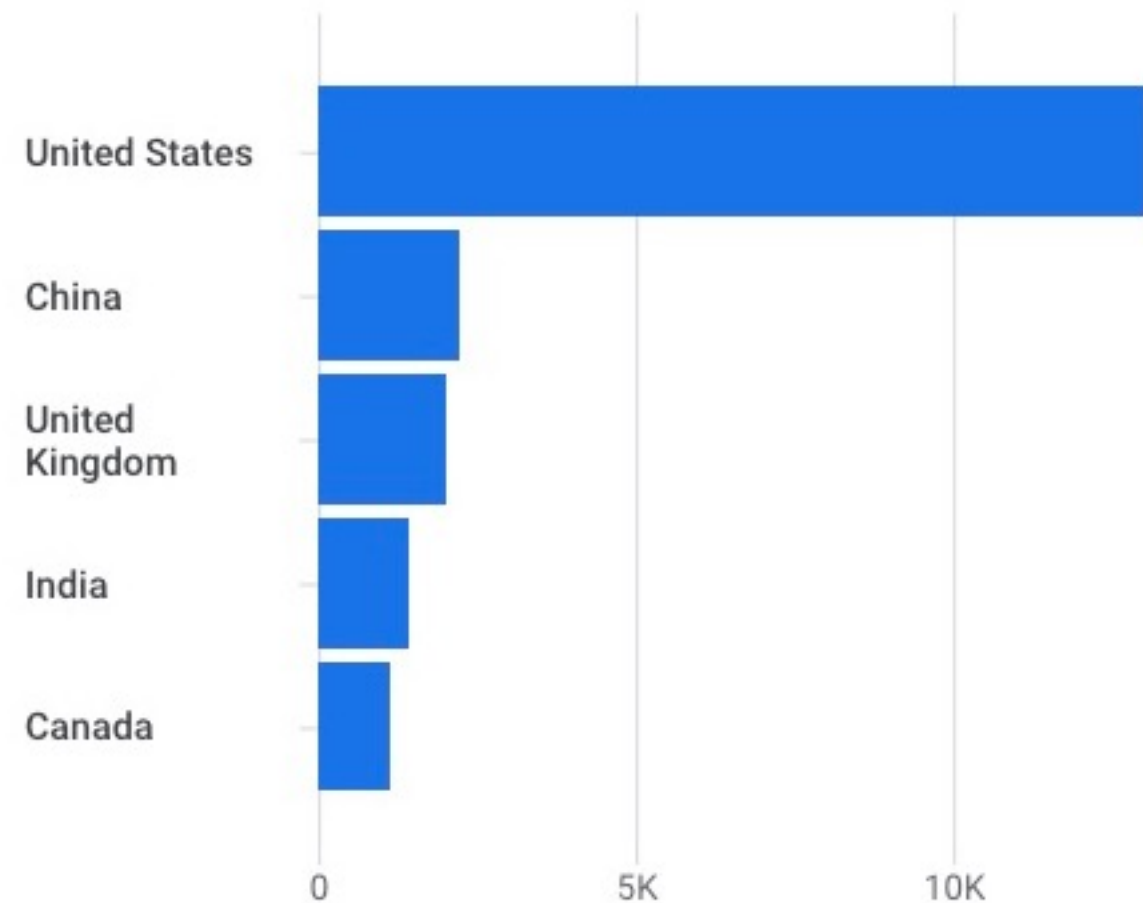
Corresponding authors of 46 articles published in 2023 came from **15** countries, with mostly from **USA**, **Japan** and **Italy**.



6. Website Visit in 2023

Country	Users
United States	13084
China	2218
United Kingdom	2019
India	1431
Canada	1152
Australia	812
Italy	655
Japan	652
Spain	375
Germany	356

Note: Only list the top 10



In 2023, all together **32,440** visitors with **90,126** pageviews. Readers were from diverse countries and regions, with the majority from USA, followed by China, UK, India and Canada.

Note: Data collected from Google Analytics on Dec. 31, 2023.



7. Most Read Articles Published between 2022 and 2023

Issue	Title	Authors	Link
Vol 7 (March 15, 2022)	Re-operative surgery after paraesophageal hernia repair: narrative review - Sudarshan - Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery	Monisha Sudarshan, Siva Raja	https://vats.amegroups.org/article/view/6644/html
Vol 7 (September 30, 2022)	Use of gastropexy for paraesophageal hernias—a narrative review	Renee L. Levesque, Evan T. Alicuben, Chigozirim Ekeke, James D. Luketich, Inderpal S. Sarkaria	https://vats.amegroups.org/article/view/7141/html
Vol 7 (March 15, 2022)	Choosing the best approach for paraesophageal hiatal hernia repair: a narrative review	Brian P. Fallon, Rishindra M. Reddy	https://vats.amegroups.org/article/view/6562/html
Vol 8 (June 30, 2023)	Diaphragmatic plication: current evidence and techniques in the management of the elevated hemidiaphragm	Aidan Gilbert, Benjamin Wei	https://vats.amegroups.org/article/view/7793/html
Vol 7 (March 15, 2022)	Robotic hilum-mediastinal lymph nodes dissection for operable non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) patients: state of art	Filippo Tommaso Gallina, Gabriele Alessandrini, Francesco Facciolo	https://vats.amegroups.org/article/view/6598/html
Vol 8 (March 30, 2023)	Follow up and surveillance post lung cancer surgery: a narrative review	Bejoy Philip, Anchal Jain, Pranav Ramesh, Naomi Melamed, Mashal Qureshi, Iqra Ahmed, Amer Harky	https://vats.amegroups.org/article/view/7558/html
Vol 8 (September 30, 2023)	Bleeding control during uniportal video-assisted thoracic surgery without conversion: evidence and technical aspects	Carlos Galvez, Sergio Maroto, Leyre Sebastian, Francisco Lirio, Jone del Campo, Julio Sesma, Sergio Bolufer	https://vats.amegroups.org/article/view/8215/html
Vol 7 (March 15, 2022)	A narrative review of paraconduit hernia after esophagectomy: where are we now?	Jarred R. Mondoñedo, Andrew C. Chang	https://vats.amegroups.org/article/view/6658/html

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8.1 Special Column - Interviews with Outstanding Authors

Since 2022, we've launched this special column 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.

Outstanding Authors (2023)

[Armin Kiankhooy, Smidt Heart Institute Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, USA](#)

[Naoko Ose, Osaka University, Japan](#)

[Jon O. Wee, Brigham and Women's Hospital, USA](#)

[Federico Tacconi, Tor Vergata University Hospital, Italy](#)

[Lye-Yeng Wong, Stanford Hospital, USA](#)

Column link at: <https://vats.amegroups.org/post/view/interviews-with-outstanding-authors-2023>



8.2 Special Column - Reviewer of the Month (2023)

In 2023, VATS 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.

[January, 2023](#)

Desiree Steimer, Brigham and Women's Hospital, USA

[February, 2023](#)

Andrei Gritsiuta, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, USA

[March, 2023](#)

Alison Wallace, Dalhousie University, Canada

[April 2023](#)

Hirohisa Kato, Yamagata University, Japan

[June 2023](#)

Takashi Eguchi, Shinshu University School of Medicine, Japan

[August, 2023](#)

Naoko Ose, Osaka Graduate School of Medicine, Japan

[October, 2023](#)

Takahide Toyoda, Chiba University Hospital, Japan

[November, 2023](#)

Takahiro Homma, St Marianna University, Japan

[December, 2023](#)

Richard G. Trohman, Rush Medical College, USA



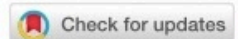
8.3 Special Column - VATS Chinese Edition

The VATS Chinese edition is a Chinese-language column that addresses the growing need for trusted medical information in China. The initiative of the VATS Chinese edition aims to raise awareness of medical advances among clinicians through translated content, enhancing the links between Chinese scientists and the international medical community.

Column link at:

<https://vats.amegroups.com/post/category/vats-chinese-edition>

Review Article



剑突下胸腺切除术--技术转变

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摘要: 本文的目的是回顾通过剑突下途径微创扩展胸腺切除术的技术转变。这些方法包括使用胸外科视频辅助胸腔镜技术的单一剑突切口或联合经颈、肋间、肋下单侧或双侧剑突切口。采用CO₂充气或抬高胸骨的方法便于接近胸腔。本文详细描述了所有这些转变的技术细节。分析剑突下途径与其他胸腺切除术途径(包括经颈途径、单侧胸腺途径、双侧胸腺途径、胸腺途径联合经颈切口)相比的优点。本文介绍了关于剑突下单门静脉扩张胸腺切除术胸骨重叠抬高的新术式。

关键词: 剑突下; 胸腺瘤; 胸腺切除术; 重症肌无力; 纵隔



8.4.1 Special Column - Special Series Published in 2023

Topic: Lung Cancer Surgery



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8.4.2 Special Column - Special Series Published in 2023

Topic: Single-Port VATS for Pneumothorax



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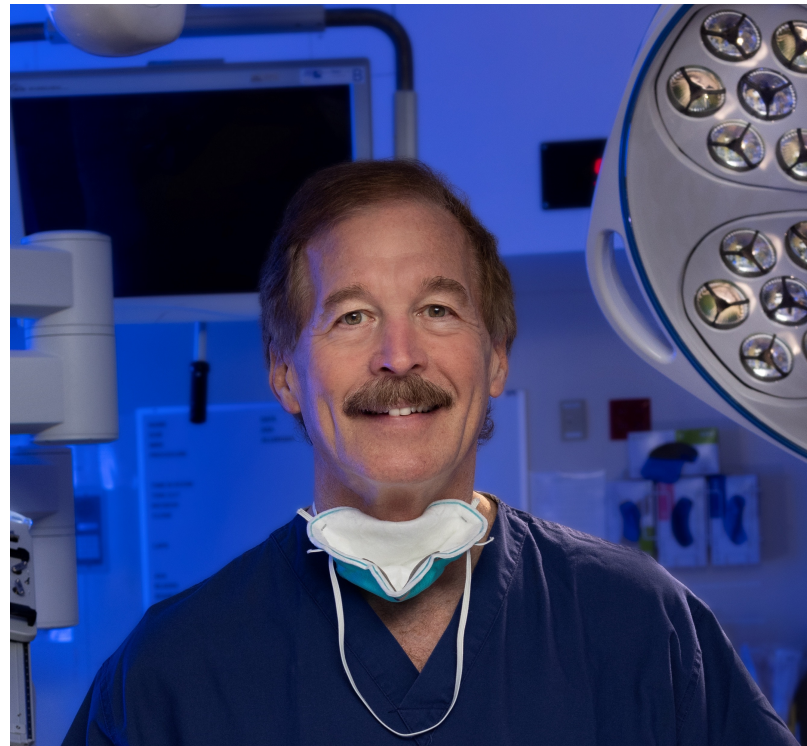
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8.4.3 Special Column - Special Series Published in 2023

Topic: VATS in Older Adults



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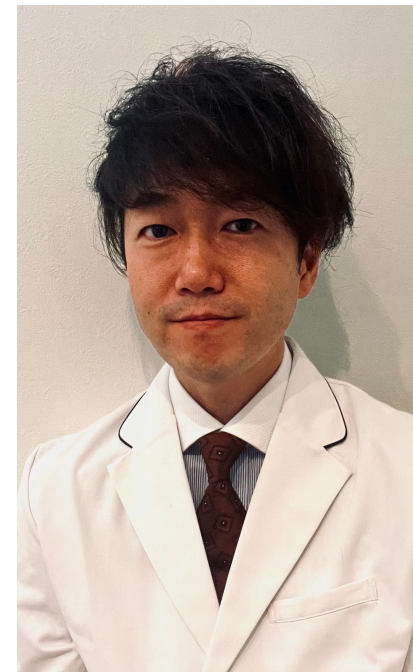
8.5.1 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: Simulation and Navigation Techniques in VATS/RATS



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8.5.2 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: Advanced Uniportal VATS



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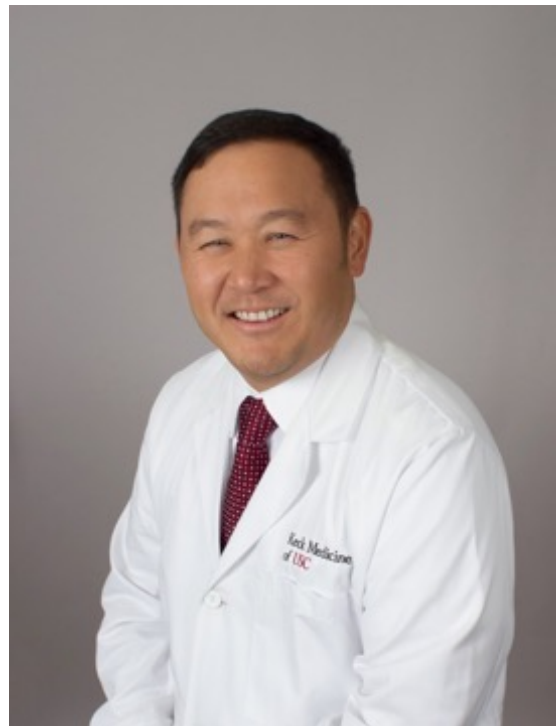
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8.5.3 Special Column - Ongoing Special Series

Topic: The Role of Minimally Invasive Approaches in the Pulmonary Oligometastases



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