

Proceedings from the Editorial Board Meeting of The AJC in 2019



From the Editor

Usually the editorial board of *The American Journal of Cardiology (AJC)* meets at the Annual Scientific Sessions of the American College of Cardiology which takes place usually in March of each year. The 2020 meeting was canceled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, the following data summarize the journal's performance in 2019:

1. The top *AJC* reviewers for the year 2019 is displayed in [Table 1](#).
2. The number of manuscripts submitted to the *AJC* in 2019 and the number accepted and declined is shown in [Table 2](#). Of 3,329 manuscripts submitted in 2019, 562 (17%) were accepted and 2,767 (83%) were declined. Thus, an average of 64 manuscripts were submitted to the *AJC* each week in 2019.
3. The number of manuscripts submitted and accepted in the *AJC* from 1983 through 2019 (37 years) during the

present editorship is displayed in [Table 3](#). The number of manuscripts submitted each year is being purposely decreased. I am trying hard to limit the number of manuscripts accepted each week to no more than 10 (excludes Reader's Comments).

4. The number of editorial pages, types of articles, and topics of articles published in the *AJC* in 2019 is summarized in [Table 4](#). The publisher provided 3,891 editorial pages for 2019, a generous number. During that year, 573 articles were published. Additionally, 42 Reader's Comments were published. Miscellaneous articles include, for example, those on the aorta, pulmonary circuit, and systemic diseases where the focus is on the heart.

Table 1
Top board reviewers (top 12%) (among 179) for the *AJC* in 2019

Name	Manuscripts reviewed
Danny Chu	12
Gregory Lip	10
Pablo Avanzas	10
Natale Daniel Brunetti	9
Raymond McKay	9
James Vacek	8
Charles Maynard	8
Bharat K. Kantharia	8
Johnson Francis	8
Victoria Delgado	8
Todd M. Brown	8
Eric R. Bates	8
Toby Ross Engel	7
James Blankenship	7
Martin A. Alpert	7
Christopher Hansen	7
Akira Fijiki	7
Jerome Fleg	7
Louis H. Stein	6
R. Thomas Collins II	6
Marc Cohen	6
Hugh D. Allen	6

Table 2
Manuscripts submitted to the *AJC* in 2019

Total submitted	3,329 *
Accepted	562 (17%)
Declined	2,767 (83%)

* Excludes 98 Reader's Comments submitted in 2019 of which 42 (43%) were accepted.

Table 3
Number of manuscripts submitted and accepted in the *AJC* from 1983 through 2019 (36 years; during the present editorship)*

Year	Number submitted	Number accepted	Percent accepted
1983	1,234	643	52%
1984	1,605	747	46%
1985	1,707	645	38%
1986	1,574	616	39%
1987	1,525	695	46%
1988	1,496	636	42%
1989	1,740	699	40%
1990	1,717	662	38%
1991	1,615	680	42%
1992	1,873	664	35%
1993	1,997	619	31%
1994	1,783	604	34%
1995	1,844	668	36%
1996	1,930	701	36%
1997	1,898	768	40%
1998	1,992	631	31%
1999	2,170	703	32%
2000	2,226	630	28%
2001	2,068	682	33%
2002	2,171	683	31%
2003	2,190	783	36%
2004	2,109	842	39%
2005	2,661	984	37%
2006	3,016	653	21%
2007	3,184	710	22%
2008	2,888	709	25%
2009	2,864	728	25%
2010	2,893	684	24%
2011	2,951	702	24%
2012	2,713	685	25%
2013	2,904	665	23%
2014	3,057	670	22%
2015	3,147	660	21%
2016	3,198	658	21%
2017	3,360	648	19%
2018	3,479	624	19%
2019	3,329	562	17%
Total	86,109	25,344	29%

* Excludes Readers' Comments.

Table 4

Total number of pages, types, and topics of articles published in the *AJC* in 2019

EDITORIAL PAGES	3,891
Articles	3,735 (96%)
Staff and Editorial Board	48 (1%)
Table of Contents	66 (1.7%)
Readers' Comments (total) [replies]	42 (38) [0] (1%)
TYPES OF ARTICLES - TOTAL	573
Multi-patient studies	532
Case Reports	4
Electrocardiographic Reports	6
Editorials	6
From-the-Editor Columns	2
Historic Studies	5
Reviews	18
TOPICS OF ARTICLES – TOTAL	573
Coronary Artery Disease	165
Arrhythmias and Conduction Disturbances	71
Valvular Heart Disease	91
Heart Failure	63
Miscellaneous (+1 interview)	75
Preventative Cardiology	32
Congenital Heart Disease	28
Cardiomyopathy	34
Systemic Hypertension	8
Historical Studies	5

Thus, the year 2019 was a successful one for this journal.

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