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1. In the last calendar year (July 2018 – June 2019), a total of 4 issues of the Journal were published (Volume 21.3, 21.4, 22.1 & 22.2), in keeping with the target.

2. A total of 83 issues have been published since the first publication of the Journal in 1998.

3. The proportion of original articles submission remained steadily at almost 60% of the total number of submission in last calendar year. There was also significant improvement in the overall acceptance rate in 2018, which has been decreased to around 40% from 56% in 2017. The number of published review articles and case reports also substantially decreased in last calendar year.

4. The Journal Review Summary about the failure of our Journal 2017 MEDLINE application was received from the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) in October 2018. Various issues were discussed by the Editorial Board for improvement in the previous review and strategic plan for next MEDLINE application. The following changes in the Journal would be adopted with immediate effect to strive for the betterment of our Journal and publication, expanding our scope of readership and our support in academic radiology:
   a) Systematic reviews & meta analysis for Review Articles, and prospective studies & use of reporting guidelines for Clinical Research would be encouraged.
   b) More international submissions with good quality and improving author guidelines would be encouraged.
   c) All authors would be requested to co-sign the form for confirming authorship and approving submission.
   d) Number of reviewers per paper would be increased.
   e) Review process would be clarified and clearer peer-review policy would be created for reviewers’ information.
   f) Ethics policy of the Journal and the adherence to the policy would be improved.
   g) Statements on conflicts of interest and funding needed would be included in every article.
   h) Colored figures would be published in electronic version to make it more attractive to read.
i) Transparency of the Editorial Board would be improved in printed version of the Journal and HKJR website.

j) Communications between the HKAM Press Office and Editor-in-Chief, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editors, Assistant Editors & Reviewers at HKAMedTrack platform would be enhanced.

k) More international authors, editors and reviewers would be invited to involve in the Journal publication, e.g. to invite existing overseas Honorary Advisors to be the International Editorial Board Members.

l) Checks for plagiarism and adherence of other Journal guidelines would be conducted prior to initial screening, so as to improve the article acceptance process.

5. Article submission for the Journal is continued to be on healthy trend. We continue to invite authors submitting abstracts to the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) to submit to a full manuscript to contest for the award of “The Best Original Paper for Hong Kong Journal of Radiology”. We had received a total of 8 articles for 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting. The award finally went to the first author of the manuscript entitled “Radiation-Associated Hypoglossal Nerve Palsy Following Definitive Radiotherapy for Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma – Risk, Predictive Factors and Dosimetric Constraints” by Dr. Chow Chung Hang James, Department of Clinical Oncology, Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

6. At the 26th Annual Scientific Meeting of HKCR 2018, the 2 awards of “The Best Original Article for Volume 20” and “The Best Case Report of Volume 20” went to the first authors of “Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy for Hepatocellular Carcinoma: Review of a Local Hospital” by MHC Lam et al from the Department of Clinical Oncology, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Jordan, Hong Kong and “Dual-energy Computed Tomography for Diagnosis of Gouty Tophus of Tibia with Pathological Fracture Simulating Malignancy” by CYH Chan et al from the Department of Radiology and Imaging, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Jordan, Hong Kong. The results were announced and awards presented to the awardees at the meeting. Both authors were awarded a waiver of registration fee of 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting.

7. The Journal continued to provide two selected articles per issue for Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Continuous Professional Development (CPD) for Fellows of the Hong Kong College of Radiologists. Fellows can pursue self-study CME/CPD by directly answering the questions set by the editors on the International Network for Continuing Medical Education & Continuous Professional Development (iCMECPD) electronically.

8. Prof. Chu Chiu Wing Winnie’s appointment as Editor-in-Chief was renewed for a term of 3 years. Dr. Ngan Kai Cheong Roger’s appointment as Deputy Editor-in-Chief was renewed for a term of 3 years. Drs. Au Yong Ting Kun, Chan Tao, Chan Yu Leung, Choi Pak Tat Frankie, Poon Wai Lun, Wong Chi Sing Frank and Prof. Kwong Lai Wan Dora’s appointments as Associate Editor were renewed for a term of 3 years. Dr. Lee Yuen Phin Elaine was newly appointed as Associate Editor for a term of 3 years.

9. A total of 5 new reviewers were recruited in the past calendar year to enhance the breadth and depth of the expertise to serve the reviewing process of the submissions in the last calendar year.

10. A total of 2 new Assistant Editors, Dr. Chan Siang Hua Victor (RD) and Dr. Lee Tin Yan (CO) were recruited in order to enhance the academic interest and research skills of young radiologists.

11. Drs. Edward Chow (CO), Peter J. Hoskin, Nancy Lee (CO), Stephen Wan Leung (CO), Simon Lo (CO), Tai-xiang Lu (CO), C. Oliver Wong and Prof. Dr. med Heinz-Peter Schlemmer’s appointments as Honorary Advisor were renewed for a term of 2 years.