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1. In the last calendar year (July 2022 – June 2023), a total of 4 issues of the Journal were published (Volume 25.3, 25.4, 26.1 & 26.2), in keeping with the target.
2. A total of 99 issues have been published since the first publication of the Journal in 1998.
3. The total number of submissions was decreased by around 18% compared to that of 2021. There was also improvement in the overall acceptance rate in 2022, which had been substantially decreased to 30% from 38% in 2021. The number of published case reports and pictorial essays kept decreasing in last calendar year.
4. The Journal Review Summary about the failure of our Journal 2022 MEDLINE Indexing application was received from the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) in February 2023. It was summarised that the overall performance of Journal was improved compared to result of 2018's review, and most of comments in 2018 had been addressed including with at least 2 reviewers per article, ethnical policies improved and consistently applied, significant improvements in its workflow and scientific editorial process. However, the reviewers commented that most research articles that were reviewed were retrospective case studies with more limited novelty and impact, the turnaround times were still too high for some of the manuscripts. Some major remaining issues were its long review process and the need to improve the process for clinical reports documentation. It was recommended to focus on improving the rigor of scientific publications which would greatly improve the impact and quality of the journal. Various issues were discussed

by the Editorial Board for improvement in the previous review and strategic plan for next MEDLINE application. The following actions would be followed up by the HKAM Press Office for preparation of future issues before next application submission:

- **The “Online First” feature** of which the electronic version of articles are published online on the Journal website first and followed by the printed copy afterwards, is launched in early May 2023 and is now available on the website of HKJR: <https://www.hkjr.org/earlyrelease> These articles are fully citable and come with a DOI, enabling the most recent research to be accessed promptly.
 - **Enhancement of HKJR Ethical Policy** - A new sample consent form was added to the HKJR website to ensure all studies must be conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki. Authors were requested to submit patient’s consent form before reviewing process starts. For case series/case report, the patients should be provided with written informed consent for all treatments and procedures. Parents/guardians’ consent would also be accepted for paediatric subjects. For original research conducted on human patients, ethical approval cannot be waived. Without ethical oversight, the paper should be rejected.
 - **Increase Editorials and Commentary** - Editors would be invited to write Editorials per issue and also to encourage colleagues to write “Letters to the Editor” discussing recent articles published in HKJR as well as to write “Brief Communications” for those related to a paper recently published in HKJR.
 - **Improving the Impact Factor** - Editorial Board members and colleagues would be encouraged to cite HKJR papers in their own publications elsewhere, encouraging authors of papers published in HKJR to cite those papers, and promoting HKJR more widely.
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”. The award finally went to the first author of the manuscript entitled “*Demystifying atypical/malignant meningiomas: how to be accurate, not bewitched!*” by Dr. Stefanie Wai Ying Yip from Department of Imaging and Interventional Radiology, Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong.
 6. At the 30th Annual Scientific Meeting of HKCR 2022, the 2 awards of “The Best Original Article for Volume 24” and “The Best Case Report of Volume 24” went to the first authors of “*Comparison of Initial Risk Stratification Methods in Predicting Treatment Outcome in Differentiated Thyroid Cancer*” by Dr. Ka Ming Wong from Department of Clinical Oncology, Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital, Hong Kong and “*Kidney and Inferior Vena Cava Abnormalities with Leg Thrombosis (KILT Syndrome) in a Young Healthy Male: a Case Report*” by Dr. Leanne Han Qing Chin from Department of Radiology, Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong. The results were announced at the meeting and awards were presented to the awardees. Both authors were awarded a waiver of registration fee of 2022 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) / Learning Management System (eHKAM LMS) electronically.
 8. Prof. Roger Kai Cheong Ngan’s appointment as Associate Editor and Prof. Dora Lai Wan Kwong’s appointment as Deputy Editor-in-Chief were newly appointed for a term of 3 years with effective from 1 January 2024. Dr. Victor Ho Fun Lee and Prof. Wai Tong Ng were re-appointed as Associate Editor for a term of 3 years.
 9. A total of 6 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 9 new Assistant Editors, Drs. Cherry Cheuk Yan Chan (RD), Yan Hei Chan (RD), Wang Hei Hui (RD), Man Cho Lee (RD), Chun Kit Li (RD), Cheuk Cheuk Wong (CO) and Cheuk Lau Wong (RD) were recruited in order to enhance the academic interest and research skills of young radiologists. Drs. Gavin Tin Chun Cheung (CO), Jessica Long-ching Hung (CO) and Kwok Sing Ng (NM)’s appointments as Assistant Editor were renewed for a term of 1 year.
 11. Profs. Peter J. Hoskin (CO), Edward Chow (CO), Oliver C. Wong (NM), Spring F.M. Kong (CO), Charlotte E. Coles (CO), Prof. Dr. med Heinz-Peter Schlemmer (RD), Drs. Simon Lo (CO) and Nancy Lee (CO)’s appointments as Honorary Advisors were renewed for a term of 2 years.



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