

# A quick look back - 2011 journal resume

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## ABSTRACT

This is a quick retrospective view back to the year 2011, summarizing the journal's experience, demonstrating submission statistics of the Journal of Radiology Case Reports and journal updates planned for the year 2012.

## EDITORIAL

The year 2011 was again an exciting year for the *Journal of Radiology Case Reports (JRCR)*.

End of 2010 the *Journal of Radiology Case Reports* has been accepted by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to be indexed in Medline and PubMed. We are now in the final stages of implementing our articles into PubMed. The first articles are expected to appear in PubMed beginning of 2012. Previously published articles will also be indexed in these prestigious literature indexing databases.

The *Journal of Radiology Case Reports* has been again ranked with an index of ICV=6.05 the third highest of all indexed Radiology journals in the Index Copernicus Journal Master List 2010. This has further increased since 2009 (5.63) and 2008 (5.25).

The *Journal of Radiology Case Report* has been indexed in several other scientific literature databases, including Scientific Commons, Index Copernicus, OAIster, Open J-Gate, Google Scholar, Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), Elsevier's Scopus and Embase literature databases and more.

We further raised our submission standards to emphasize the journal's educational goal, and also added more features into the journal's website. In example the *MCQs (multiple choice questions)* from selected published articles are now displayed on the *JRCR* homepage and will be soon also integrated into *Radiolopolis*, an international Radiology community for education [1]. The *Teaching Point* has been already implemented the year before on the journal website. These features are some reasons why this journal excels from other "traditional" journals [2].

Our collaboration with *Radiolopolis* has been further intensified. The *JRCR* and *Radiolopolis* share their forces and educational contents with a large international Radiology audience of meanwhile over 10,000 Radiology professionals.

Beside the implementation of the interactive articles into *Radiolopolis*, the educational tables as well as the teaching points, are also shared with this large educational community and exposed to a growing medical audience. The tables are a requirement for article submission and display summaries and differential diagnoses for the respective article topics [3]. These tables can be downloaded separately and used for external teaching purposes.

We further improved the navigation of the HTML versions of our interactive articles: a new "More images" section for external sources with more images for that particular discussed entity has been integrated. The toolbar has been further improved to make the navigation easier and the layout has been more standardized to suit different web browser settings.

### ***What are the plans for next year?***

To further increase the quality of our published manuscripts we will add several items to the author guidelines in 2012:

- The Teaching Point needs to include the imaging findings of the presented entity.
- Abbreviations need to be spelled out the first time mentioned.
- No abbreviations are permitted in the title, abstract and question & answer section.
- To avoid confusion, no references are permitted in the title, abstract and question & answer section.

- All figures need annotations (arrow, asterisk etc.) to highlight the described findings.
- Subfigures need to be combined to one single image and labeled accordingly (a, b, c etc.). Otherwise they need to be listed as separate figures.
- Figure legends need age, gender, diagnosis, good description of used technique and findings.

And as last and previous years, we are pleased that not only our editorial team consists of international colleagues but that the submitting authors come from all over the world. On the following pages you may find the 2011 statistics about the journal, manuscript submissions and publications.

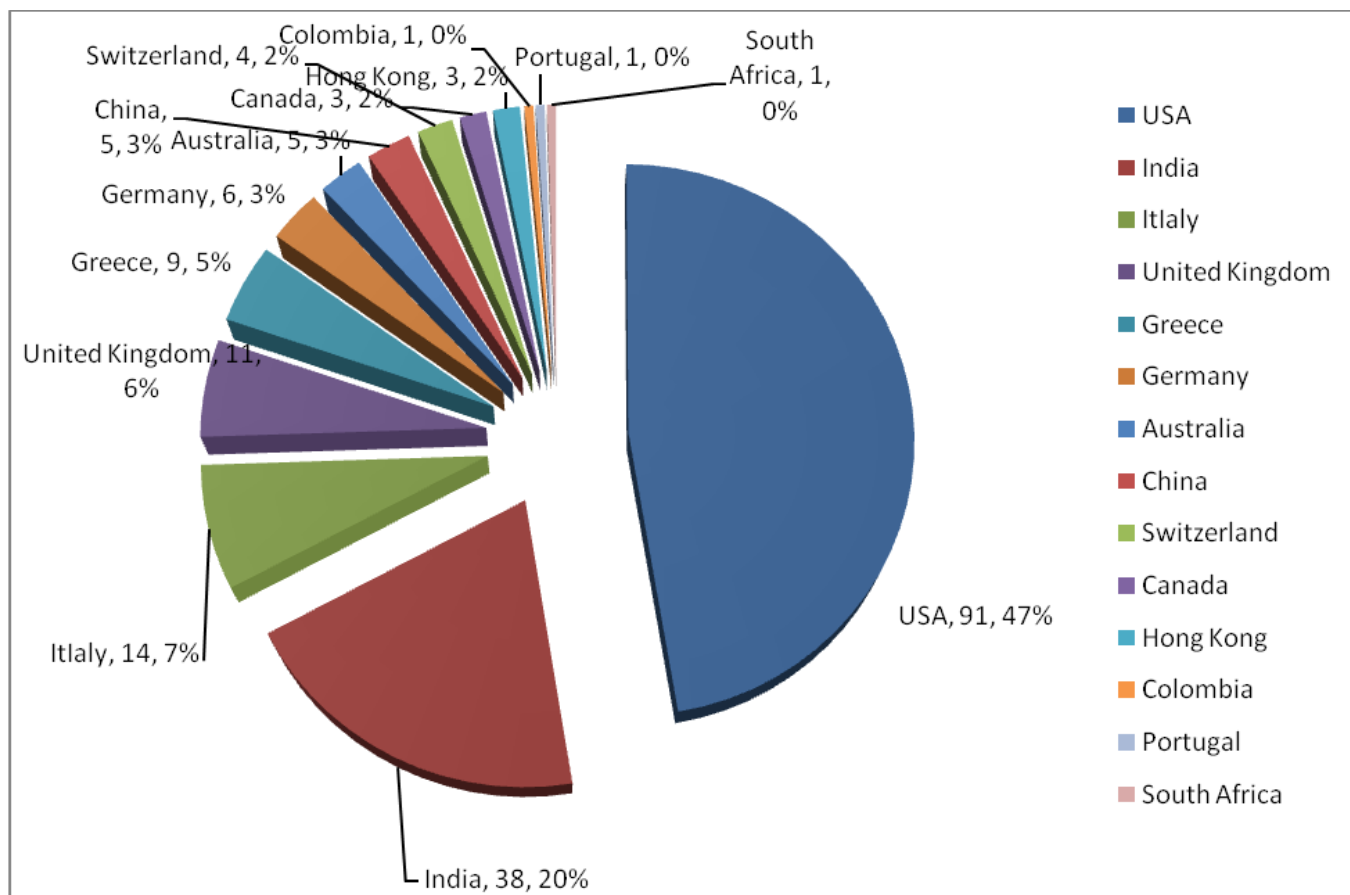
Due to the continuous increase in manuscript submissions we are expanding our editorial team in the year 2012 to ease the total burden on the current section editors as well as reviewers.

Issues published in 2011: 12  
 Total of submitted articles: 199  
 Accept 48 (39%)  
 Decline 74 (61%)  
 Resubmit 77 (63%)

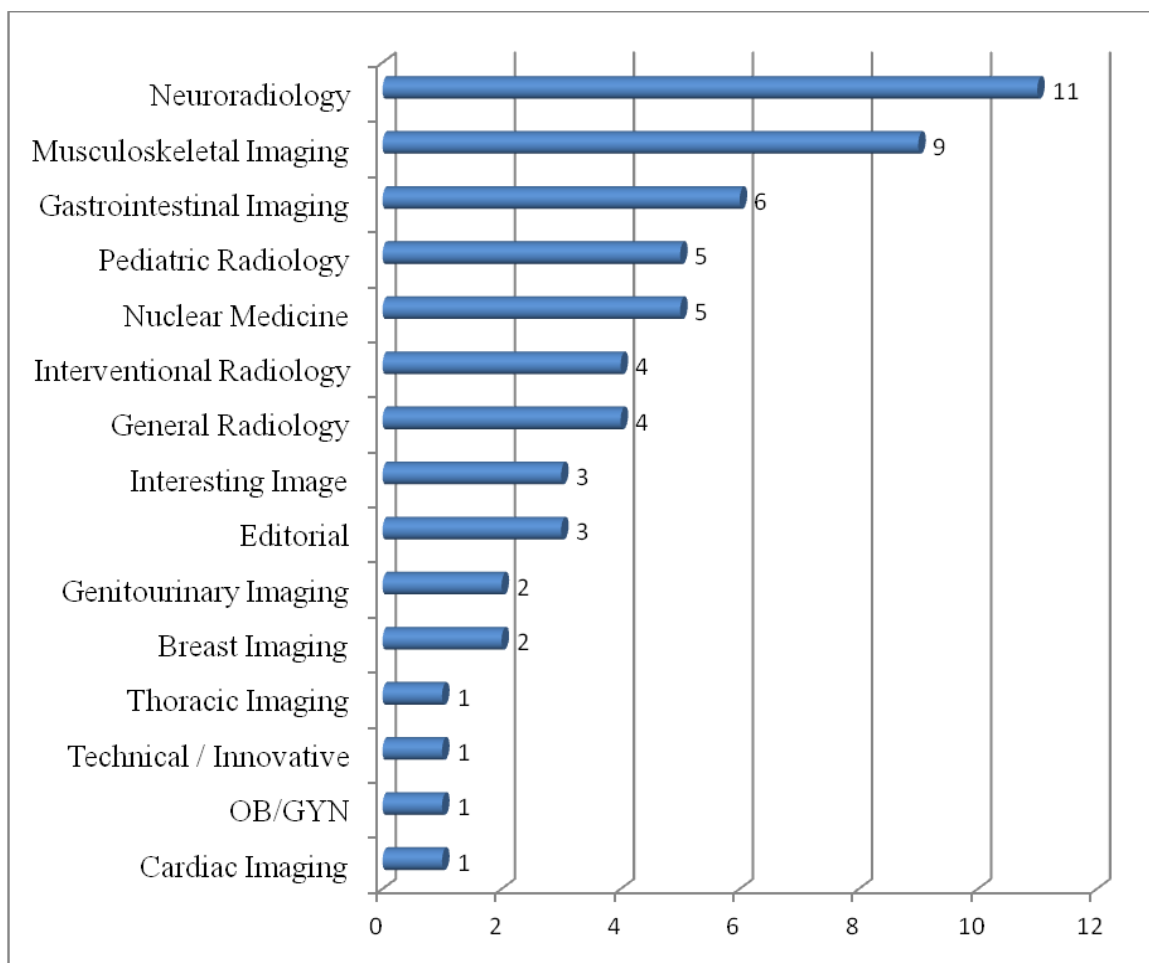
The number of our reviewers has also further increased to 427. We thank them again for their continuous contributions to help us maintaining a high quality of our published articles.

Average days to review: 54  
 Average days to publication: 106

We will add in 2012 a new way of appreciation for our reviewer’s invaluable contributions: Our reviewers will be honored not only in our special “Honoring our helpers” issue and “Hall of Fame” but will also receive a diploma for their invaluable services. This diploma can be directly downloaded on our journal homepage.



**Graph 1:** Manuscript submissions to the Journal of Radiology Case Reports in 2011, sorted by countries of all contributing authors. The majority of manuscripts came from the United States (47%), followed by India (20%) and Italy (7%).



Graph 2: Manuscript submissions to the Journal of Radiology Case Reports in 2011, sorted by sections.

Thank you to all authors, reviewers and section editors!

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