

Hong Kong Journal of Ophthalmology: past, present, and future

Since the establishment of our Journal website (hkjo.hk) in 2015, considerable progress has been made to enhance the editorial workflow and readership. For 2022 alone, there is a 20% increase in submission from both local and overseas authors, and there is a 15% year-on-year traffic growth to our website. Website visitors are most commonly from Hong Kong SAR, Mainland China, and United States (**Table**). The most viewed articles for the past year are “Intraocular gas in vitreoretinal surgery”,¹ “Recommendations of the treat-and-extend regimen for neovascular age-related macular degeneration: 2020 updates”,² and “Long-term outcomes of free internal limiting membrane transplant for unclosed

macular holes after extensive internal limiting membrane peeling and silicone oil tamponade: a report of two cases”.³

In this issue, readers will note an increase in the number of published articles. With the change to the continuous publication mode in September 2022, articles are published online first before they are published in print. The time from submission to publication is thus shortened, which helps to speed up the dissemination of ophthalmic knowledge.

After thorough preparation, we applied for inclusion in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) in August 2022. To fulfil the requirements of DOAJ, enhancements were made to our Journal and editorial workflow during the terms of the last two editorial boards. This is a stepping stone towards future indexing in the PubMed, which will enhance our Journal’s reputation and international exposure. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all editorial board members, authors and reviewers, the Council of the College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Press for the steadfast support and input.

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Table. Top 10 visitors to the Hong Kong Journal of Ophthalmology website in 2022 (as of 18 December 2022)	
Location	No. (%) of visits
Hong Kong SAR	2236 (36.4)
Mainland China	947 (15.4)
United States	680 (11.1)
India	302 (4.9)
Singapore	120 (2.0)
United Kingdom	115 (1.9)
Japan	114 (1.9)
Indonesia	101 (1.6)
Turkey	76 (1.2)
Australia	70 (1.1)
Others	1387 (22.6)
Overall	6148

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