

# ***Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery* is indexed in Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI): a significant step forward**

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In this joyous holiday season, we're pleased to share a great news received on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 that *Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery* (Figure 1) has been selected for coverage in Clarivate Analytics products and services. Beginning with Vol 1 (1) 2016, this publication will be indexed and abstracted in:

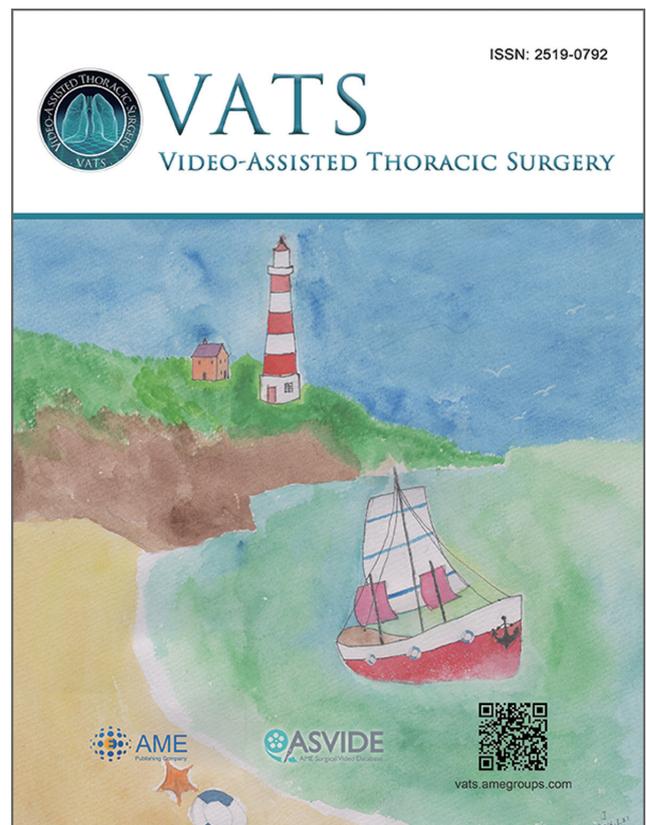
- ❖ Emerging Sources Citation Index

Launched in May 2016, the journal *Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery* (VATS, Video-assist Thorac Surg, Online ISSN: 2519-0792) is the first English journal dedicated to the development of video-assisted thoracic surgery in the international community. It is an international, peer-reviewed, open-access journal reporting the cutting-edge findings and techniques in this rapidly changing field. The aim of *VATS* is to provide a professional platform for the communication of scientific knowledge, experience, techniques and opinions in video-assisted thoracic surgery between peers so that all patients may benefit.

Led by Prof. Lunxu Liu and Prof. Mark W. Onaitis, the journal is supported by a strong lineup of 56 experts worldwide in the field of thoracic surgery as the Editorial Board Members (Figures 2,3).

As a dedicated platform, where key questions in the field of VATS may be answered, *VATS* publishes flexible and diverse article genres in a fast electronic publication mode. Till now, *VATS* has published 163 articles, 58 of which are Original Articles and Review Articles (Figures 4,5).

With an internationalized editorial board as a strong base, *VATS* further gains support from authors and reviewers from all over the world. It is with their joint efforts that high-quality publications are guaranteed. Corresponding authors are mainly from Italy, USA, China, Japan and UK (Figure 6).



**Figure 1** Journal cover.

Taking this opportunity, we also would like to extend our sincere gratitude to another group of experts—our Guest Editors, who devoted their time and efforts to organize high-quality focused issues to demonstrate the cutting-edge knowledge, techniques, and discussions in the field of video-



**Figure 2** A collage featuring the Editors-in-Chief and Editorial Board Members of *VATS*.

assisted thoracic surgery to our readers. *VATS* has published seven outstanding focused issues (*Figure 7*) since its launch. Published focused issues could be found here: <http://vats.amegroups.com/post/category/focused-issues>.

Indexed by ESCI is undoubtedly a significant step for *VATS*. With continuous effort from the editorial team, we strive to make *VATS* a top-tier publication in the field of Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery.



**Geographical Distribution of VATS Editorial Board Members**

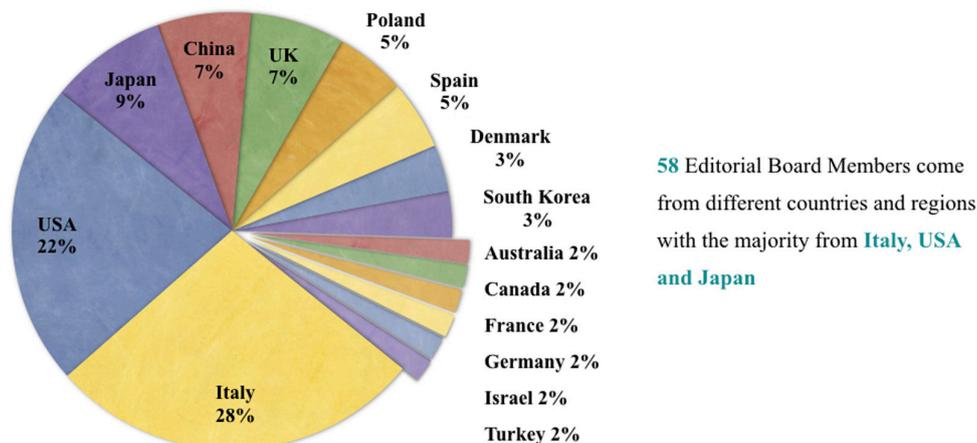
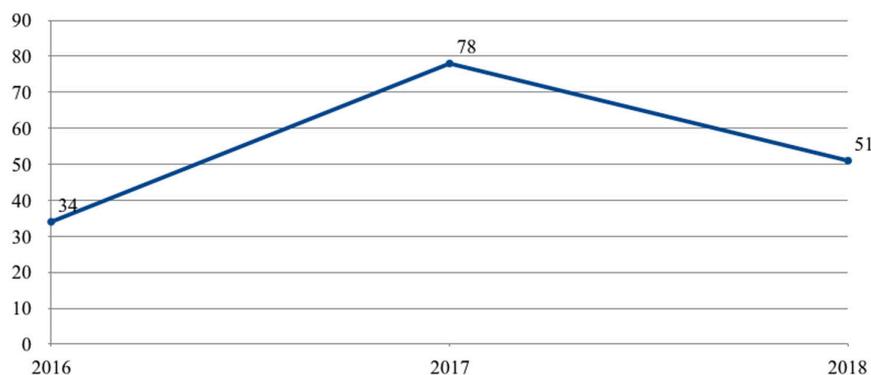


Figure 3 Geographical distribution of Editorial Board Members (updated on December 24th, 2018).



**Number of Published Articles (results by year)**

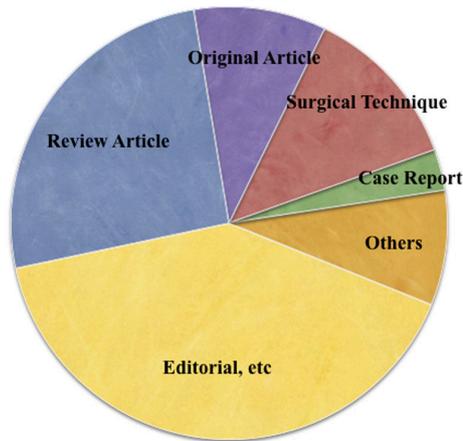


Till Dec. 24th, 2018, VATS has published 163 articles.

Figure 4 Number of published articles (result by years).



**Diverse Types of Published Articles**



Since launched in 2016, VATS has published **163** articles, **58** of which are **Original Articles and Review Articles**, 66 of which are editorials written by well-known experts around the world.

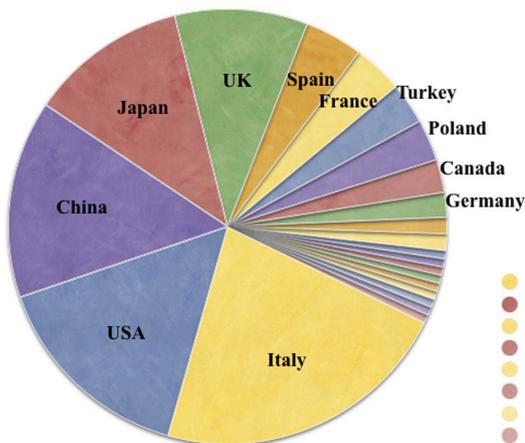
- Editorial, etc
- Review Article
- Original Article
- Surgical Technique
- Case Report
- Others

Editorial, etc.: Editorial, Perspective, Commentary, Viewpoint, Letter to the Editor  
 Others: Preface, Foreword, Live Surgery Series, Meet the Professor

**Figure 5** Diverse types of articles published (updated on December 24th, 2018).



**International Diversity of Corresponding Authors (2016.05-2018.12)**



Corresponding authors of total **163** articles published come from different countries and regions with the majority from **Italy, USA, China, Japan and UK**.

- Italy
- USA
- China
- Japan
- UK
- Spain
- France
- Turkey
- Poland
- Canada
- Germany
- Brazil
- Austria
- Switzerland
- South Korea
- Slovenia
- Russia
- Israel
- India
- Finland
- Belgium
- Australia

**Figure 6** Geographical distribution of corresponding authors.



### Focused issues published in *Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery*

Topic	Guest Editor(s)
VATS: The Age of Maturity	Luca Bertolaccini Alessandro Pardolesi Piergiorgio Solli
Minimally invasive VATS thymectomy for Myasthenia Gravis	Alper Toker
VATS Special Issue dedicated to the 4th international VATS Symposium 2017	Marco Scarci Roberto Crisci Dominique Gossot
Video-assisted major thoracic procedures: Approaches	
Non-intubated Thoracic Surgery	Tommaso Claudio Mineo Marcello Migliore
Minimally invasive management of infectious pleuropulmonary diseases	Marco Scarci Ilaria Righi
Current status of surgical simulation in video-assisted thoracic surgery and robot-assisted thoracic surgery	Yoshihisa Shimada

**Figure 7** Focused issues published.

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