

EDITORIAL

Inclusion of JRSBRT in PubMed and the future

I am pleased to announce that the *Journal of Radiosurgery and SBRT* (JRSBRT) has been approved for citation in PubMed Central (PMC), which is the online repository of the US National Library of Medicine. Abstracts from articles in JRSBRT will be open access on PMC upon publication. Full text of all articles published in the Journal will become free to read.

JRSBRT was launched as the official journal of the International Society of Stereotactic Society (ISRS) at its 10th Congress in Paris, France, in 2011. The mission of the Journal is to serve as a multi-disciplinary forum for global communication and an international platform for establishing the highest level of radiosurgical practice. The aims and scope of the Journal broadly cover physics and technical progress, biological investigation, and clinical experience, including case reports. Authors from 22 countries have established JRSBRT as a truly international platform for scientific communication. The United States, Japan, India, United Kingdom,

and Canada are the top five countries from which first authors come. The Journal began with four issues per volume. I can confirm that the number of papers submitted to JRSBRT has continuously increased since its inception. I believe a move to six issues per year is possible in the near future.

Since its inception, more than 150 papers have been published. Initially, there were many case reports concerning radiosurgery and SBRT. Reflecting the rapid growth in radiosurgical practice, however, the proportions of contributions covering clinical investigation and research in technology and physics have significantly increased more recently. This is shown in Figure 1. After inclusion in PMC, I expect that the visibility and accessibility of JRSBRT will increase with the publication of high-impact research articles, funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or its regional or national equivalents worldwide. The Journal also publishes ISRS radiosurgery/SBRT

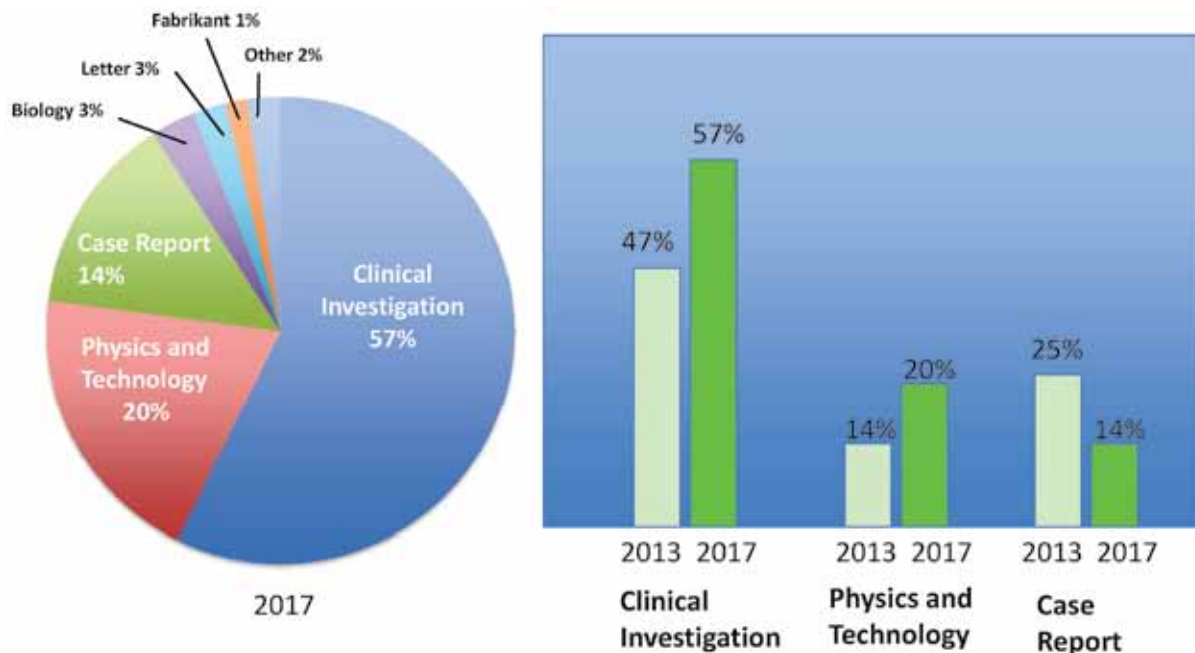


Figure 1. Published fields of radiosurgery

guidelines and white papers, established through the hard work of the Society and its board members. The quality and safety of radiosurgery and SBRT, as well as the fundamental biology of radiosurgery, are now research priorities and will advance along with the complexity of radiosurgical planning and treatment as delivery expands.

The Journal maintains the highest ethical standards and minimizes reviewer bias. Reviewers are asked to work alongside authors and provide positive and constructive critiques in order to help produce quality scientific papers. This symbiotic effort strives to make authors' novel concepts, information and methodologies more intelligible to readers. I would like to acknowledge the top reviewers so far: Fang-Fang Yin, David Schlesinger, Yimei Huang, Ian Paddick, Sam Chao, Simon Lo, and Jason Sheehan, in addition to the many reviewers who have served for the Journal. Changes in editorial and review board members are planned, based

on contributions to reviewing manuscripts and productivity in scientific endeavor.

We will place emphasis on clinical and basic research, including radiosurgical biology and physics, as well as education for the next generation. JRSBRT will also address various relevant global issues related to radiosurgery and SBRT—whether they be social, economic, educational, and cultural—as they affect the management and treatment of disease. The future of the Journal looks bright.

I ask for your feedback and advice, and await your requests to serve as a reviewer. You will experience a different perspective from being an author. Finally, I encourage all potential authors in the various disciplines to submit your invaluable work to JRSBRT. I look forward to receiving your submissions.

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