

Annals of Cardiac Anesthesia: Beacon Journey toward Excellence: 2015–2017

Achievements of Annals of Cardiac Anesthesia in 2015–2016

The Annals of Cardiac Anesthesia (ACA) is an incredible source for academics and networking and is truly a wonderful platform for cardiac anesthesiologists to get their voice and thoughts projected. ACA is today in 2017 – a highly indexed journal on social media with a robust website and blog. Thanks to the journal going on social media in 2015, the global visibility has been strong [Figure 1]. This has led to an increase in SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) and a higher projected impact factor by the Research Gate. [Figures 2 and 3].



Figure 1: The international collaboration of Annals of Cardiac Anesthesia is high



Figure 2: SCImago Journal Rank: The trend in the graph shows increase from 2012 to 2016. The SCImago Journal Rank ranking reached 0.44 in 2016

The Need for Higher Indexing Was Foremost

It has been a conscientious bold attempt by me as an editor of this prestigious journal to give it an international look, with more original and review articles added in each issue and decrease the number of case reports, to make it an ideal platform for submission for SCOPUS, PUBMED CENTRAL (PMC), MEDLINE, and then expanded Science Citation Index. With a strong commitment with the publisher and more submissions, it was with herculean god’s grace and tremendous reviewer and author’s cooperation, that all above indexing were achieved in August 2016 (within the one and a half years of taking over as editor). The National and International Editorial Board Members too have always shared a common goal of improving and maintaining the interests of the journal. The wait for an impact factor from SCIE is on... and the ACA face change with more numbers and colored pages was all for global visibility and higher indexing. Having achieved the same, we now revert to a black and white look (January–March 2017 issue - the economy had to be met!).

Among the recent achievements of the journal is the recent selection at PMC in January 2016 and selection at Thomson Reuters’ Emerging Sources Citation Index in April 2016. editors will get real-time insight into a journal’s citation performance. ACA is under evaluation by Thomson Reuters for further upgradation to SCIE receiving an impact factor [Figure 4a].

The broader endeavor as an editor of ACA has been to disseminate scientific peer-reviewed information which can bring beneficiary changes in clinical practice. We widened our kaleidoscope by bringing out special

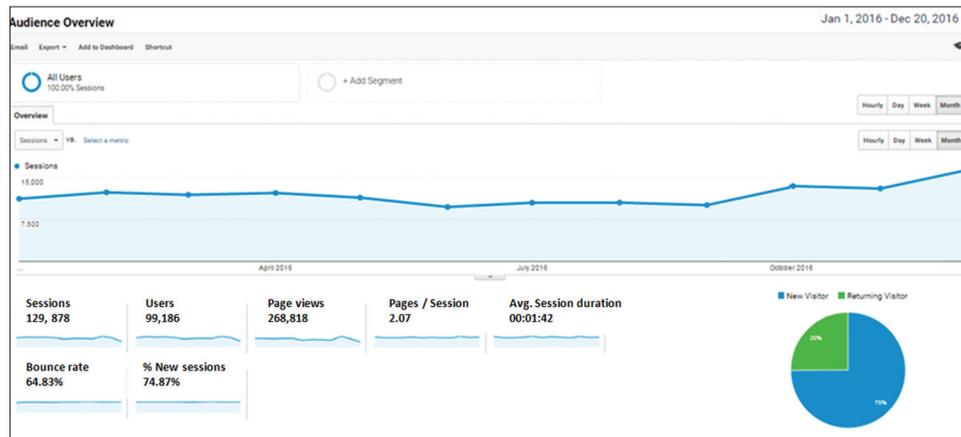


Figure 3: Displays analysis of journal’s website visitor and details of their visits from January 1, 2016 to mid-December 20, 2016. 129,878 hits were received. 74.87% of the visitors were new to the site and accessed site

The journal is now available and searchable at Web of Science giving ACA a global visibility along with citation data and other journal metrics;

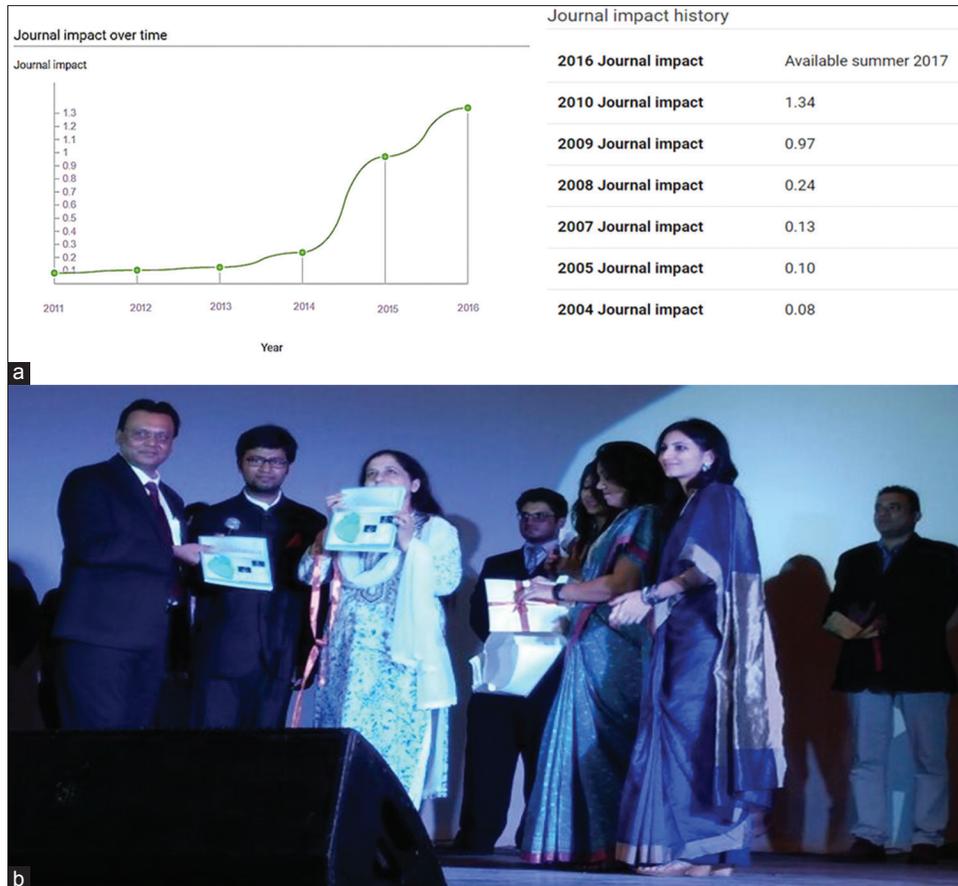


Figure 4: (a) Journal Impact: 1.34* in 2016 - this value is calculated using Research Gate data and is based on average citation counts from work published in this journal. The data used in the calculation may not be exhaustive. (b) The “Best Wolter Kluwer Journal of 2016” at AIIMS, PULSE, New Delhi on September 25, 2016

issues on hot/new subjects such as cardiac biomarkers, transesophageal echocardiography, hemodynamic monitoring, and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation with difficult airway (this issue) to enhance academics. These have increased ACA credibility and hits on website in 2015 and 2016 [Figure 3].

The ACA publisher, Wolters Kluwer Medknow, recently organized a poster session competition at AIIMS PULSE 2016 where ACA was adjudged the best journal which was chosen by the participants (scholars) and came through as a popular journal to compete with different teams from various medical colleges worldwide [Figure 4b].

Personal Achievements with Annals of Cardiac Anesthesia

Scientific editing is a very challenging job; it comes with great responsibility and takes most of your time. Being an editor of ACA has been an intellectual commitment which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I enjoyed working with authors and reviewers who contributed to ACA to ensure that the scientific studies we publish are accurate and at the

forefront of their respective fields. I was thrilled to be a part of a team of scientists, writers, and illustrators from Wolter Kluwer Medknow the publishers who worked hard to communicate scientific discoveries in the best way possible. I personally thank each one of them for their herculean efforts to ACA success.

The Future of Annals of Cardiac Anesthesia

ACA is the pride of its parent body IACTA. I have assured as an editor to the best of my capability that these traditions from my beacons predecessors be continued to enhance the noble prestige of both the IACTA society and the journal despite obstacles and odds. An academic ACA and not a commercially restricted ACA are the need of the hour. Gender bias, professional rivalry, and the need to restrict money spent on the academics of ACA will hamper its steep growth. Judicious growth of ACA required online APPS. Blog, E-mailers, Social media, and great original research articles which were needed to let this ACA kite soar highest in the horizon. All these have been accomplished well and ACA is high flying in its eighteen year since inception.

Journal Impact: Annals of Cardiac Anesthesia Should Be Academic and Secular

“Being secular is a culture of quest, not commandment. There is no divide between the academic, sacred and secular says –

SADHGURU JAGGI VASUDEV”

ACA needed a fluid, open-ended, approach and open to debate editors and so far have got them as SECULAR and as ACADEMIC as they were to be. I salute

all four past editors personally. They were great advisors to me, at all times and each has contributed immensely to ACA to make it reach, its present status (1998 -2017). What is needed now is that the academics of ACA be maintained along with an even more secular nature of the journal. Today’s misunderstanding of the word “Secular” is essentially destructive. The notion that hard work of previous editors be erased and replaced by a modern constitution which bends laws easily is not just naïve, but unnecessary and political. More submissions will be got if we maintain this secular flow of its past editors. It is in the nature of human intelligence to be secular. Unfortunately, we try to override this essential nature because we look for certainty and control.

Replacing secular academics with tight commandments is a political thought. I am sure the new editor will maintain the academic and secular nature of ACA, I wish the new editor a great innings and can rest in peace knowing that ACA will remain in safe and conscientious hands. Long

live ACA and IACTA! Proud to have been associated with ACA. May its beacon journey towards excellence continue.

Om Asato Maa Sad-Gamaya |
Tamaso Maa Jyotir-Gamaya |
Mrtyor-Maa Amrtam Gamaya |
Om Shaantih Shaantih Shaantih ||

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