A New Strategy to Tackle the Backlog

In 2008 when our journal was first launched, 20 papers were published. Ten years later, 60 papers will be published, producing a threefold increase. Also we started a new sister journal ADAM, with a somewhat broader scope, featuring 20 papers in 2018. And on top of this, there are still about 100 papers in the editorial process for AMC. Many of these papers will be eventually published in 2019, some of them even in 2020.

This year we adopted a strict policy of controlling the number of papers filtered from the initial quick assessment into the actual refereeing phase. If we want to reduce the backlog, then only about five papers per month can be processed, and otherwise we will have no choice but to decline the rest, or divert them to ADAM. This policy should ensure that there will be no further increase in the backlog.

But actually we would like to significantly reduce the backlog, and so we decided to increase the number of published papers from 15 to 20 per issue (and 60 to 80 in total) for the year 2019. In the meantime we expect that ADAM will also gain in reputation and popularity, and this should help us reduce the large influx of papers to the editorial system of AMC.

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