

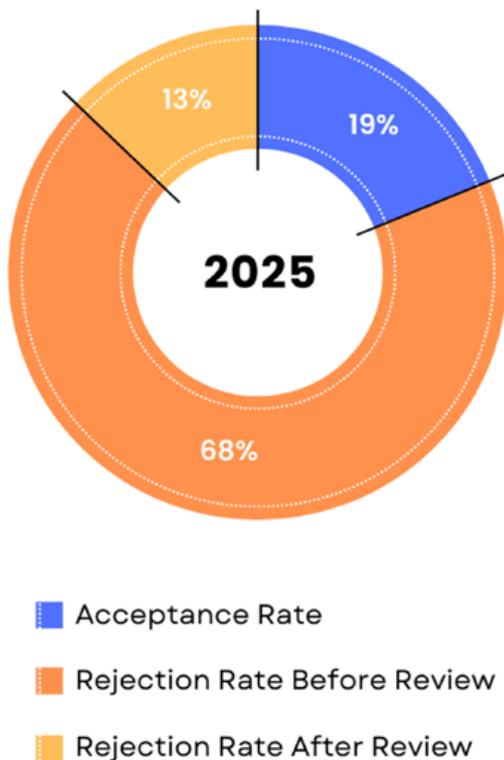
Acknowledging Our Reviewers and Reflecting on 2025: A Year in Review for SPMI Case Reports

Agradecimento aos Nossos Revisores e Reflexão sobre 2025: Um Ano em Retrospectiva na SPMI Case Reports

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The success and credibility of a scientific journal rely fundamentally on the dedication, rigor, and generosity of its peer reviewers. As Editor-in-Chief of SPMI Case Reports, it is with great appreciation that I take this opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of all reviewers who collaborated with the journal throughout 2025.

Peer review is a demanding, often anonymous, and largely voluntary task that requires time, expertise, and a strong commitment to scientific integrity. Our reviewers play a central role not only in safeguarding the quality of the published work but also in mentoring authors and contributing to the continuous improvement of submitted manuscripts. Their critical and constructive feedback is essential to maintaining the standards that SPMI Case Reports strives to uphold.



The year 2025 was marked by sustained scientific activity and editorial selectivity. During this period, the overall rejection rate was 81% and the acceptance rate was 19%.

A significant proportion of rejections occurred at the initial editorial screening stage. Specifically, 68% were rejected without external peer review, reinforcing the importance of editorial triage in ensuring alignment with the journal's scope, scientific relevance, and methodological quality. Further 13% were rejected after peer review, highlighting the essential role of reviewers in the final editorial decision-making process.

For accepted manuscripts, the median time from submission to acceptance was 190 days, reflecting the iterative nature of peer review and revision, and the journal's commitment to thorough and careful evaluation.

The year was also marked by an important transition within the editorial office. SPMI Case Reports benefited, since its inception, from the exceptional dedication of our editorial assistant, Ana Silva, whose professionalism, commitment, and availability were instrumental in the journal's development and consolidation. In 2025, Ana Silva embraced a new professional project, and we wish to express our sincere gratitude for her invaluable contribution over the years, as well as our warmest wishes for her continued success.

Inevitably, this transition period led to temporary delays in editorial processing and, in particular, in the publication of some issues. These delays were unavoidable, but every effort was made to minimize their impact and to maintain the journal's quality standards and editorial rigor.

In the course of 2025, Ana Félix joined the editorial team as our new editorial assistant. Her integration has already had a very positive impact, allowing a gradual recovery of pending workflows and reinforcing the journal's operational stability. We are confident that, with her contribution and the continued commitment of the editorial team, 2026 will mark a return to full editorial regularity, with renewed energy, rigor, and timeliness.

These results and achievements would not be possible without the collective effort of our reviewers, associate editors, editorial assistant, and editorial board. Their professionalism, scientific rigor, and dedication are fundamental to the journal's mission and to its ongoing development and international visibility.

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On behalf of the entire editorial team of SPMI Case Reports, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all reviewers who contributed their time and expertise in 2025. Your work is deeply valued and remains central to the continued growth and credibility of our journal.

We look forward to another year of fruitful collaboration and to further strengthening the scientific quality and impact of SPMI Case Reports. ■

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