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Since its inception in 2008 as a compendium on human anatomical variations in gross, radiological and surgical variations, The International Journal of Anatomical Variations (IJAV) has published several hundred case reports originated from more than 17 countries worldwide. This contribution to medical knowledge is indeed noteworthy and has undoubtedly made an influence on perceptions and knowledge of anatomy.

Kudos to the founders of the journal and to the editorial board members for their tireless and painstaking efforts in offering case reports to anatomists and clinicians. This remarkable influence, within such relatively short period of time, reflects the importance of enriching our knowledge about anatomical variations not only for anatomists but also for students, surgeons and clinicians.

The past few decades witnessed a notable advancement in imaging and clinical diagnostic technology. This necessitated an awareness of the human body’s structural diversity, a fact that reaffirms the mission of IJAV and sets the path for its future endeavor. We look forward to IJAV’s broader impact, wider distribution, more peer reviewed case reports, and more frequent online publication.

I sincerely encourage my fellow anatomists to identify and report variations they encounter to disseminate knowledge and to contribute to more effective clinical diagnoses and procedures.

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