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Thirty-five years of publications: from "*Revista Brasileira de Mastologia*" to "*Mastology*"

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The "*Revista Brasileira de Mastologia*" was established in 1991[1], by the Brazilian Society of Mastology. It initially published three issues per year until 1996 and four issues annually from 1997 to 2019. In 2017, with its second issue, the journal was officially renamed "*Mastology*"[2,3] and began publishing exclusively in English. In 2020, the journal adopted a continuous publication model (rolling basis), consolidating its content into a single annual volume. We have completed our thirty-fifth volume[4].

Since its foundation, the journal has released 127 issues, including 101 under its former Portuguese title and 26 under its current English name. To date, Mastology has published 170 full-text articles in English, in addition to 10 special supplements containing a total of 1,821 abstracts from mastology conferences.

The journal is indexed in the Latin American database BIREME and increase its classification in Qualis-CAPES increasing from Qualis C[5] (2017–2020) to B4 (2021–2023), a ranking we aim to improve through focused editorial reform, stricter peer-review standards, international collaboration, and content quality improvement.

Over the last 35 years (1991–2025; Figure 1), the journal has published between 21 and 50 articles per year, with a mean of 34.7 (standard deviation 9.3) and a median of 33 articles annually (Figure 2). In total, 1,112 publications across 13 different article categories

Figure 1. Journal covers during these thirty-five years. Left to right: top covers: 1991, 2000, 2002, and 2005; bottom covers: 2009; supplement 2011, 2017, and 2025.

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were produced (Table 1). Original articles were the most frequent (n=504), followed by case reports (n=228), review articles (n=117), and update articles (n=85).

Mastology remains one of the few fully open-access journals dedicated exclusively to breast diseases. Our strategic mission for the 2026–2028 editorial cycle is to foster sustainable growth, enhance scientific rigor, and position the journal as a leading Brazilian publication within the international community of breast health journals.

Now, all manuscripts receive a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) and a dedicated webpage. Submissions are handled via the ScholarOne Manuscripts platform[5], and the journal's website now operates under the Open Journal Systems (OJS) standard. Additional indexing platforms are currently under active evaluation.

The editorial board and reviewers have been restructured. We expanded with experts from across the world. We considered the full spectrum research in breast disease care, including translational science.

The Strategic Goals for 2026–2028 to achieve this vision are:

1. Indexing expansion;
2. Citation and impact growth;

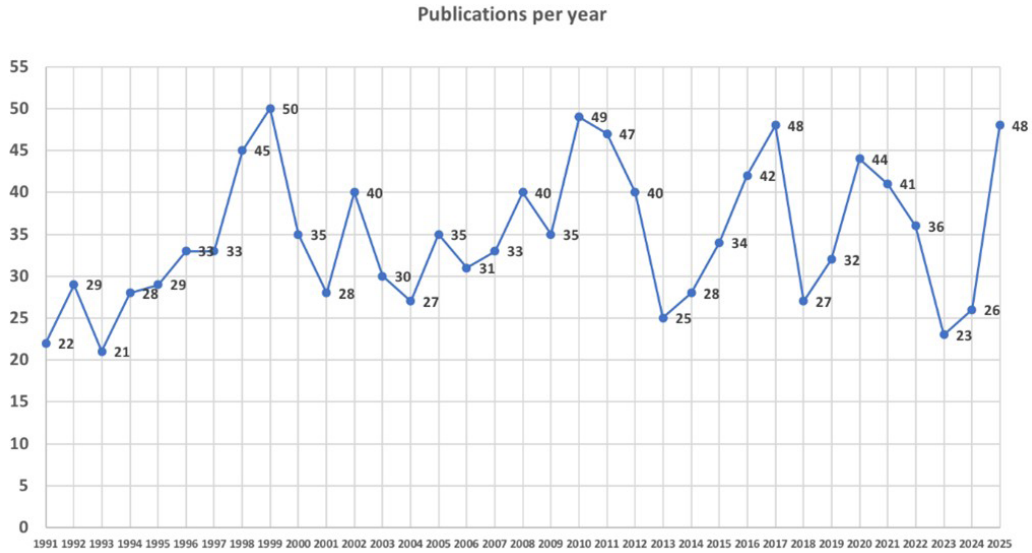

Figure 2. Number of articles per year, from 1991 to 2025.

Table 1. Types of articles published between 1991 and 2025.

Ano	Year	1991–1995	1996–2000	2001–05	2006–10	2011–15	2016–20	2021–25	Total
Tipo*/Volume	Type (English)/ Volume	1 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	
Editorial	Editorial	11	20	25	20	19	26	1	122
Artigos Originais	Original Articles	47	62	64	74	71	96	90	504
Relatos de Caso	Case Reports	6	33	34	38	32	44	41	228
Artigo de Revisão	Review Articles	1	5	22	25	22	15	27	117
Artigo de Atualização	Update Articles	22	46	4	13	-	-	-	85
Carta ao Editor	Letter to the Editor	-	-	1	6	4	3	1	15
Imagens em Mastologia	Imagens in Mastology	-	-	-	-	5	3	2	10
Resumo de Tese	Thesis Abstract	-	-	10	2	-	-	-	12
Short Communication	Short Communication	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	8
Como eu faço	How I do It	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Special Article	Special Article	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Consensus & Guideliness	Consensus & Guideliness	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7
Epidemiologic Reports	Epidemiologic Reports	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	Total	87	166	160	178	153	193	175	1,112

*Original form (Portuguese).

3. Internationalization;
4. Transparency and quality standards;
5. Scientific education;
6. Operational modernization; and
7. Publication efficiency.

We invite clinicians, scientists, and healthcare professionals involved in breast diseases to take part in this new phase. By contributing manuscripts or participating in peer review, you actively support the growth of Mastology as a global scientific forum.

We present a solid Journal with thirty-five years of tradition and a strong institutional and editorial desire to achieve these goals. Mastology enters this new cycle with a strong institutional foundation, an experienced editorial team, and a strategic roadmap designed to elevate its international standing, scientific credibility, and academic impact.

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