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Radiology Journal

Journal Title: Radiology Publisher: Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Impact Factor (2023): ~30 Focus: Diagnostic and interventional radiology, imaging science, AI, imaging biomarkers Audience: Radiologists, imaging scientists, medical physicists, clinicians, health policy experts

☐ Scientific Rigor and Editorial Quality

• [] Strengths:

- Exceptional editorial standards, robust peer review, and statistical oversight.
- Methodological transparency with frequent use of reporting guidelines (CONSORT, STARD, PRISMA).
- External statistical reviews, especially for Al/quantitative studies.

• [] Weaknesses:

- Tendency toward "impact factor inflation" and multicenter glamour over practical applicability.
- Prioritization of high-tech imaging over clinically grounded investigations.

□ Clinical and Scientific Relevance

• ☐ Highlights:

- Influential studies on imaging guidelines, disease stratification, and emerging technologies.
- Solid coverage of COVID-19, oncology, and stroke imaging.

• ☐ Limitations:

- Many studies are retrospective, industry-funded, or from elite centers—limiting real-world translation.
- Sparse analysis of cost-effectiveness, radiation burden, or long-term outcomes.

☐ Artificial Intelligence and Methodological Integrity

• ☐ Positive Aspects:

- Leadership in AI publication and validation.
- Promotes reproducibility via data/code sharing.

• ☐ Concerns:

- Lack of true external validation in many AI articles.
- Dataset bias, overfitting, and clinical integration gaps often underreported.

Diversity and Global Accessibility

• | Progress:

- Hybrid open access model available.
- Some global consortia represented.

• ☐ Issues:

- High publication fees restrict accessibility.
- Editorial board and authorship remain Western-dominated.
- Underrepresentation of patient-centered and equity-driven research.

□ Innovation vs. Hype

• 🛘 Advances:

• Cutting-edge work in radiogenomics, hybrid modalities, perfusion imaging.

• ☐ Pitfalls:

• Risk of technophilia: shiny methods with minimal discussion of healthcare integration.

☐ Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

• ☐ Practices:

Transparent COI disclosures.

• ☐ Problems:

- Industry sponsorship frequent.
- Blurred lines between scientific content and promotional interest in some editorials.

☐ Summary Verdict

Category	Score (out of 5)	Comment
Editorial and Statistical Rigor		Top-tier scientific control
Clinical Utility		Needs better real-world translation
Al and Quantitative Imaging		Leading field with some gaps
Global Representation		Still US/Europe-centric
Innovation vs. Practicality		Tech-focused but often impractical
Conflict of Interest Handling		Transparent but vulnerable to industry

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☐ Bottom Line

Radiology remains **the flagship journal** of imaging science—essential for scientific leadership. However, its **focus on prestige and high-tech trends** may eclipse critical issues in **clinical utility**, **health equity**, **and cost-conscious care**.

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