

# Top 100 Most Cited Articles on Awake Glioma Surgery: A Bibliometric Analysis

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## ABSTRACT

**Background and Objective.** Awake craniotomy is often used in the surgery of glioma, the most common primary brain tumor. It has been proven to maximize the extent of tumor resection while minimizing post-operative neurologic deficits. Extensive research has been conducted on this topic, and we would like to perform a bibliometric analysis to identify the top 100 most cited articles in awake glioma surgery. Knowing the relevant and most impactful studies in the field would help clinicians streamline the evidence and determine its application in their practice.

**Methods.** In October 2023, we performed a title-specific search on the Scopus and PubMed databases using ("glioma\*" OR "astrocytoma\*" OR "glioblastoma" OR "low grade glioma" OR "high grade glioma") and ("awake craniotomy" OR "awake surgery" OR "awake brain surgery" OR "awake neurosurgery") as our query term without any restriction criteria. The top 100 most cited articles were identified, reviewed, and analyzed.

**Results.** Our search yielded a total of 5557 articles published. The top article had a citation count of 834 and reported on functional outcome after language mapping in glioma resection. *Journal of Neurosurgery* had the most number of publications. Neurosurgeons (n=81) were the primary author in most publications, followed by anesthesiologists (n=22) and neurologists (n=6). Three countries (USA, France, Italy) contributed to 74% of the articles. Most of the articles were reviews and case reports/series.

**Conclusion.** This study identified the top 100 most cited articles on awake glioma surgery. The content dealt with several aspects of awake craniotomy such as brain mapping, intraoperative techniques and adjuncts, and practice recommendations. This analysis can help identify knowledge gaps and potential areas of research in glioma surgery.

**Keywords:** awake craniotomy, awake surgery, glioma, glioblastoma, astrocytoma, bibliometric analysis, scientometric analysis

## INTRODUCTION

Glioma is the most common primary central nervous system (CNS) tumor, accounting for 30% and 80% of all primary and malignant primary brain tumors, respectively.<sup>1,2</sup> They are classified as either low grade or high grade based on histology and expected clinical behavior. Low grade gliomas are slow-growing primary brain tumors that are treated with maximal safe resection, as well as chemotherapy and radiotherapy (RT) in cases of residual tumors.<sup>1</sup> Its median overall survival rate is approximately 10 years.<sup>1</sup> On the other hand, high grade gliomas are aggressive tumors with an overall survival rate ranging from 14 months to 5 years despite surgery and adjuvant treatment.<sup>2</sup>

It has been established that greater extent of resection confers survival benefit and better quality of life.<sup>3</sup> Intraoperative adjuncts such as awake craniotomy play an important role in increasing safety in glioma surgery.



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Awake craniotomy allows brain mapping on eloquent cortex such as the motor and language areas. It also plays a role in determining negative motor response and integrating movement control in multitasking evaluation.<sup>3,4</sup> Its impact and use in maximal safe tumor resection has been extensively described in the literature.<sup>3</sup> This technique is one of the adjuncts used in maintaining onco-functional balance in the surgical treatment of glioma, resulting in a better prognosis and quality of life.<sup>3,4</sup>

There has been an exponential growth in the literature on awake glioma surgery due to its increasingly widespread use, especially in high-resource countries, with only a few articles from low- and middle-income countries.<sup>5,6</sup> Knowing the relevant and most impactful studies in this field would help clinicians streamline the evidence and determine its application in their practice. Furthermore, identifying the key articles and mapping out the use of awake craniotomy in glioma surgery would help neurosurgeons and other physicians make evidence-based clinical decisions. The purpose of this bibliometric analysis is to identify and analyze the characteristics of the top 100 most cited articles on awake craniotomy for glioma surgery that has been published to date. We also aim to identify key areas and knowledge gaps, not only in the neurosurgical operative technique, but also the impact of awake surgery in glioma treatment and research.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Search Strategy

We performed a citation analysis of awake craniotomy for treatment of high grade and low grade gliomas. A title-specific search of the SCOPUS and PubMed databases were used to identify highly cited articles from inception until October 12, 2023. Search strategies were developed using medical subject headings (MeSH). We used (“glioma\*” OR “astrocytoma\*” OR “glioblastoma” OR “low grade glioma” OR “high grade glioma”) and (“awake craniotomy” OR “awake surgery” OR “awake brain surgery” OR “awake neurosurgery”) as our query term without any restriction criteria. The results were arranged in descending order according to the citation count. Articles not related to the search terms were excluded from our study. Articles that were conference proceedings or book chapters were excluded. The top 100 most cited articles were obtained and reviewed by the authors. When multiple articles were tied with the same citation count, two or more articles occupied the similar rank. Reviewers screened all studies based on study titles and abstracts available. The studies were evaluated independently by two of the investigators.

### Data Collection and Analysis

The article title, primary author, primary author’s specialty, institution, country of origin, journal of publication, citation count, and study category for the top 100 most cited articles were obtained. Study categories included prospective or retrospective cohort, systematic review, meta-analysis,

randomized controlled trials, technical notes, or laboratory studies. Furthermore, the authors’ Source Normalised Impact per Paper (SNIP) and SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) were obtained as well. SJR is a parameter that determines the importance of a journal for the scientific community, a value calculated based on the number of listed citations that this journal receives, as well as the scientific reputation of the journal from which the citation came from.<sup>7</sup> When the authors of an article had more than one affiliation, the department, institution, and country of origin were defined by the affiliation of the first author of the said study. Network analysis of related keywords was also conducted to determine clustering tendencies. Data were presented using descriptive statistics, and no tests of statistical significance were performed.

## RESULTS

A total of 5557 bibliographic records on awake glioma surgery were retrieved from the electronic database. From this list, the top 100 cited articles with the highest citation counts were obtained. All the articles with the same number of citation counts shared a corresponding rank. Table 1 shows the top 20 most cited articles on awake glioma surgery. A supplementary table (Appendix) is provided for the complete list.

We identified a total of 124 articles with the top 100 highest citations, garnering a cumulative citation count of 27,226. The mean citation count was 220 (SD=126), and the median was 178 (IQR 136 – 256). The most cited article, with a total of 834 citations, was published in 2008 in *New England Journal of Medicine* by Sanai et al. It was entitled “Functional outcome after language mapping for glioma resection.”

The articles were published across 59 unique journals, of which eight are considered high impact (IF ≥10). The median IF was 4.1 (IQR 2.895–6.595). Most articles were published in the *Journal of Neurosurgery* (n=16), followed by *Neurosurgery* (n=14), *Acta Neurochirurgica* (n=6), *Brain* (n=6), and *Journal of Neuro-Oncology* (n=6) (Table 2).

Most studies were reviews (n=50), followed by cohort studies (n=42), and case series or case reports (n=16) (Figure 1). Most articles dealt with neurosurgical treatment and outcomes (n=43), anesthesia (n=20), and anatomy and physiology of awake craniotomy (n=16) (Figure 2).

Majority of primary authors were neurosurgeons (n=81), followed by anesthesiologists (n=22), and neurologists (n=6) (Table 3). Among them, H. Duffau authored 40 articles, 21 of which he was the primary author, followed by M. S. Berger (n=17), S. Moritz-Gasser (n=10), and L. Capelle (n=10). The country with the most highly cited publications was the USA (n=51), followed by France (n=32), and Italy (n=7) (Table 4). Gui de Chauliac Hospital, Montpellier University Medical Center, France, and University of California - San Francisco, USA both had the greatest number of publications (n=13), followed by Hôpital Salpêtrière, France (n=11), and Harvard Medical School, USA (n=7) (Table 5).

**Table 1.** Top 20 Cited Articles

Rank	Title	First Author	Journal	Type of Article
1	Functional outcome after language mapping for glioma resection	Sanai N	New England Journal of Medicine	Retrospective study
2	Impact of intraoperative stimulation brain mapping on glioma surgery outcome: a meta-analysis	De Witt Hamer PC	Journal of Clinical Oncology	Meta-analysis
3	Survival following surgery and prognostic factors for recently diagnosed malignant glioma: data from the glioma outcomes project	Laws ER	Journal of Neurosurgery	Prospective study
4	Clinical Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of Dexmedetomidine	Weerink MAS	Clinical Pharmacokinetics	Review
5	Movement intention after parietal cortex stimulation in humans	Desmurget M	Science	Case series
6	Lessons from brain mapping in surgery for low-grade glioma: insights into associations between tumour and brain plasticity	Duffau H	Lancet Neurology	Review
7	Contribution of intraoperative electrical stimulations in surgery of low grade gliomas: A comparative study between two series without (1985-96) and with (1996-2003) functional mapping in the same institution	Duffau H	Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry	Retrospective study
8	Intraoperative mapping of the subcortical language pathways using direct stimulations. An anatomo-functional study	Duffau H	Brain	Retrospective study
9	Usefulness of intraoperative electrical subcortical mapping during surgery for low-grade gliomas located within eloquent brain regions: functional results in a consecutive series of 103 patients	Duffau H	Journal of Neurosurgery	Retrospective study
10	Emerging insights into the molecular and cellular basis of glioblastoma	Dunn GP	Genes and Development	Review
11	Intraoperative subcortical stimulation mapping of language pathways in a consecutive series of 115 patients with Grade II glioma in the left dominant hemisphere	Duffau H	Journal of Neurosurgery	Retrospective study
12	Survival in glioblastoma: a review on the impact of treatment modalities	Delgado-Lopez PD	Clinical and Translational Oncology	Review
13	Cortical localization of temporal lobe language sites in patients with gliomas	Haglund MM	Neurosurgery	Retrospective study
14	Beyond the arcuate fasciculus: consensus and controversy in the connectonal anatomy of language	Dick AS	Brain	Review
15	Does the left inferior longitudinal fasciculus play a role in language? A brain stimulation study	Mandonnet E	Brain	Retrospective study
16	Awake craniotomy with brain mapping as the routine surgical approach to treating patients with supratentorial intraaxial tumors: a prospective trial of 200 cases	Taylor MD	Journal of Neurosurgery	Prospective study
17	Propofol: an update of its use in anaesthesia and conscious sedation	Bryson HM	Drugs	Review
18	Intraoperative subcortical stimulation mapping for hemispherical perioral gliomas located within or adjacent to the descending motor pathways: evaluation of morbidity and assessment of functional outcome in 294 patients	Keles GE	Journal of Neurosurgery	Retrospective study
19	Dexmedetomidine: a review of clinical applications	Carollo DS	Current Opinion in Anaesthesiology	Review
20	Awake surgery for WHO grade II gliomas within "noneloquent" areas in the left dominant hemisphere: toward a "supratotal" resection - Clinical article	Yordanova YN	Journal of Neurosurgery	Retrospective study

A total of 1268 keywords were identified from the included articles, 402 of which were unique. Each article had between 2 and 36 keywords, with a median keyword count of 6 (IQR 5–14.25)(Table 6). Network analysis revealed multiple thematic clusters with high-degree nodes corresponding to frequently studied topics such as "glioma," "brain mapping," and "awake craniotomy." "Glioma," being the primary tumor type involved in awake craniotomy, had strong links to keywords about surgery techniques, imaging, treatment, and brain processes. "Brain mapping" directly

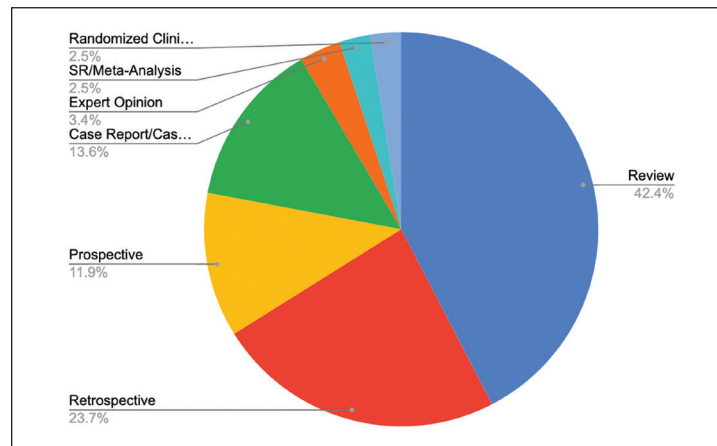
linked to language mapping, direct electrical stimulation, cortical mapping, neurosurgery, and brain plasticity. "Awake craniotomy" strongly connected to glioma, extent of resection, brain mapping, neuronavigation, direct electrical stimulation, and conscious sedation, emphasizing its role in tumor resection and function preservation. Other central keywords included: "magnetic resonance imaging," "language," "extent of resection," "sedation," "neurosurgery," and "connectivity." (Figures 3 and 4)

## DISCUSSION

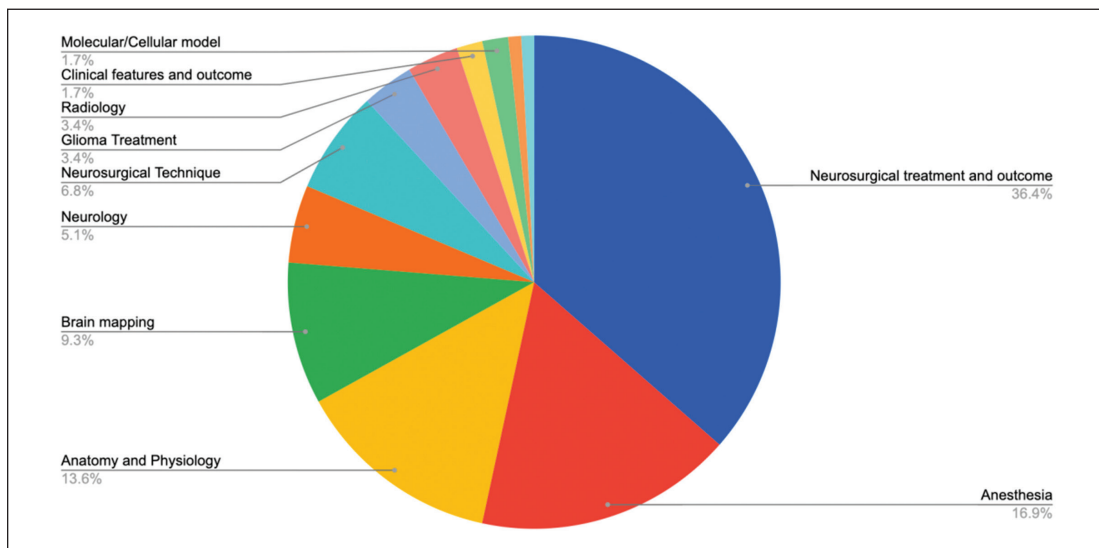
Awake craniotomy has a long history that can be traced back to archeological records of the successful practice of trephination.<sup>6</sup> It spans from trephinations performed in ancient times, to the first concept of brain mapping by Bartholow in the 19th century, and to the first application of awake craniotomy for intractable epilepsy in the 1920's by Wilder Penfield.<sup>5,6</sup> It is an essential tool in modern neurosurgery, particularly in glioma surgery, with the goal of maximizing

tumor resection while minimizing the postoperative deficits.<sup>6</sup> Awake glioma surgery allows aggressive resection of the tumor in eloquent areas of the brain.<sup>7</sup> Furthermore, with the continuous development and intensive research in brain mapping and the search for the best anesthetic technique for awake craniotomy, the future of integrated cerebral localization techniques and maximal tumor resection may significantly impact the prognosis of glioma patients.

To the best of the authors' knowledge, this is the first bibliometric analysis to focus on articles on awake glioma



**Figure 1.** Types of articles published in the top 100 most cited articles.



**Figure 2.** Content of articles published in the top 100 most cited articles.

### Notes:

- *Neurosurgical technique* – articles described different neurosurgical techniques in awake glioma surgery
- *Neurosurgical treatment and outcome* – articles focused on the use of awake glioma surgery and its outcomes
- *Glioma treatment* – articles employed a more comprehensive approach to glioma treatment, and not just awake surgery
- *Clinical features and outcome* – articles that described the demographics, clinical characteristics, surgical treatment, and outcomes of patients
- *Neurology* – these were mainly review articles on neurological concepts in brain mapping and awake surgery
- *Brain mapping* – articles that described different techniques of brain mapping (invasive or combination of invasive and non-invasive) in awake glioma surgery

**Table 2.** Top Journals by Number of Most Cited Articles

Journal	Articles	SJR	Quartile	IF (2022)
<i>Journal of Neurosurgery</i>	16	1.138	Q1	2.90
<i>Neurosurgery</i>	14	1.221	Q1	2.41
<i>Brain</i>	6	4.437	Q1	8.68
<i>Journal of Neuro-Oncology</i>	6	1.178	Q1	3.68
<i>Acta Neurochirurgica</i>	6	0.718	Q1	2.26
<i>Neurosurgical Focus</i>	4	1.188	Q1	3.26
<i>Anesthesia and Analgesia</i>	4	1.365	Q1	3.29
<i>Journal of Neurology Neurosurgery and Psychiatry</i>	3	3.178	Q1	6.69
<i>Brain and Language</i>	3	0.766	Q1	2.51
<i>Neuro-Oncology</i>	3	4.833	Q1	9.53
<i>British Journal of Anaesthesia</i>	3	2.487	Q1	4.15
<i>Brain Structure and Function</i>	3	1.168	Q1	2.88
<i>Current Opinion in Anaesthesiology</i>	2	0.566	Q2	2.46
<i>Neuropsychologia</i>	2	0.995	Q1	2.64
<i>Cortex</i>	2	1.303	Q1	3.44
<i>NeuroImage</i>	2	2.512	Q1	5.68
<i>Journal of Neurosurgical Anesthesiology</i>	2	0.774	Q1	2.48
<i>World Neurosurgery</i>	2	0.591	Q2	1.68

**Table 4.** Countries of Origin of Top 100 Cited Articles

Country	n
USA	51
France	32
Italy	7
Germany	6
Canada	4
Netherlands	4
Spain	4
Finland	2
Israel	2
UK	2
New Zealand	1
Portugal	1
Japan	1
China	1
Ireland	1
Russia	1
India	1
Norway	1
South Korea	1
Malaysia	1

**Table 5.** Institutions with more than One Article in the Top 100 Articles

Institution	Country	Articles
<i>Gui de Chauliac Hospital, Montpellier University Medical Center</i>	France	13
<i>University of California, San Francisco</i>	USA	13
<i>Hôpital Salpêtrière</i>	France	11
<i>Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School</i>	USA	7
<i>New York University Medical Center</i>	USA	3
<i>Toronto Western Hospital</i>	Canada	3
<i>Mayo Clinic</i>	USA	2
<i>Tel Aviv Medical Center</i>	Israel	2
<i>University Hospital Schleswig-Holstein</i>	Germany	2
<i>University of Insubria</i>	Italy	2
<i>University of Washington</i>	USA	2
<i>VU University Medical Center</i>	Netherlands	2
<i>Florida International University</i>	USA	2

**Table 3.** Specialties of the Primary Author Contributing to the Top 100 Cited Articles

Author Specialties	n
<i>Neurosurgery</i>	81
<i>Anesthesiology</i>	22
<i>Neurology</i>	6
<i>Psychology</i>	5
<i>Neuro-oncology</i>	3
<i>Radiology</i>	2
<i>Neurocognitive</i>	1
<i>Neuroradiology</i>	1
<i>Pharmacology</i>	1
<i>Radiation Oncology</i>	1
<i>Neurobiology/ Basic Neuroscience</i>	1

**Table 6.** Top 10 most Common Keywords Found in the List of Top 100 Cited Articles

Keyword	n	%
<i>brain neoplasms</i>	103	8.12
<i>glioma</i>	99	7.81
<i>brain mapping</i>	59	4.65
<i>humans</i>	50	3.94
<i>language</i>	41	3.23
<i>cerebral cortex</i>	37	2.92
<i>craniotomy</i>	33	2.60
<i>electric stimulation</i>	33	2.60
<i>dexmedetomidine</i>	32	2.52
<i>neurosurgical procedures</i>	29	2.29





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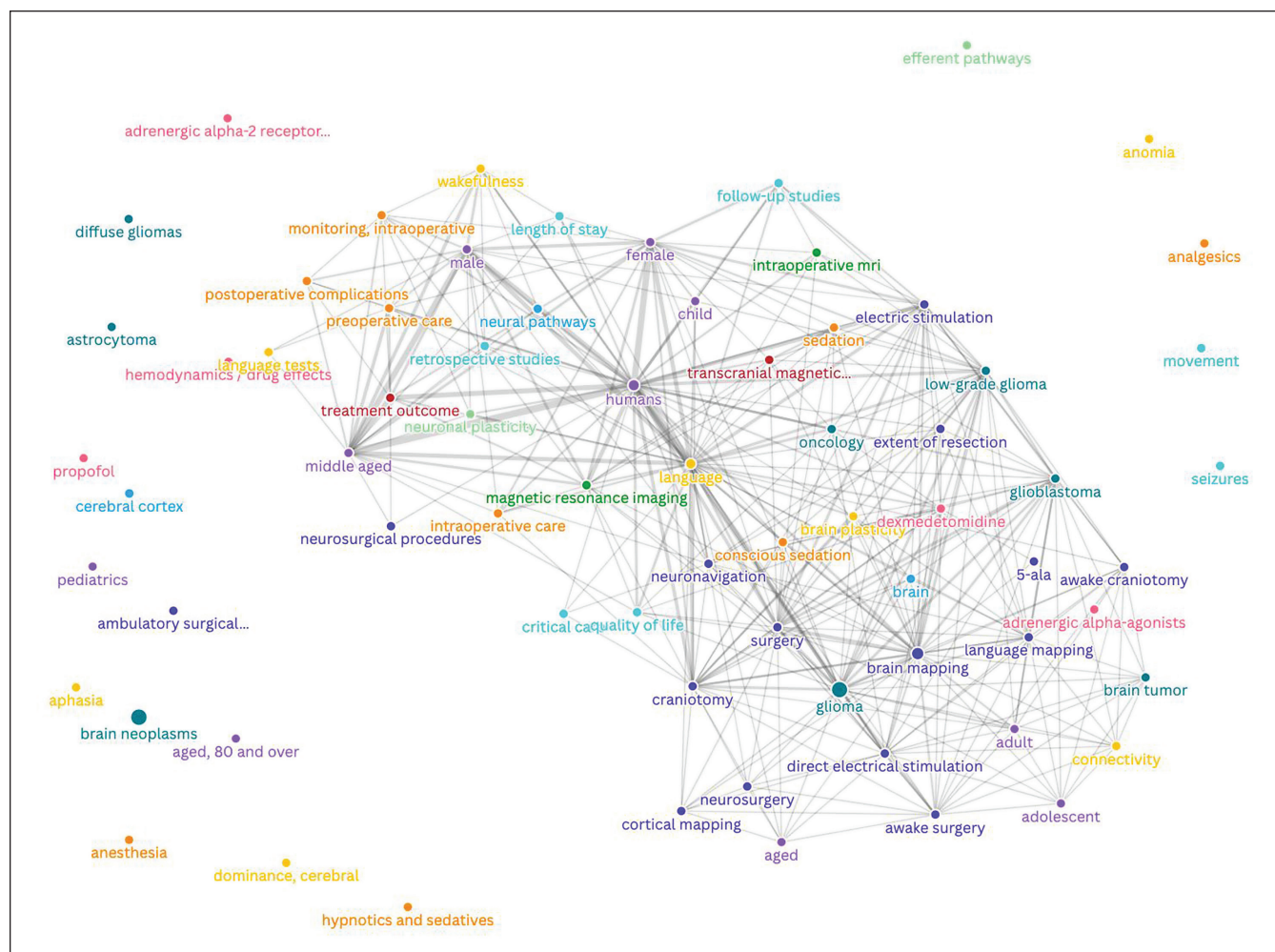
surgery. Some of the identified knowledge gaps in the use of awake surgery in glioma treatment include the definition of cortical language areas, intraoperative brain mapping techniques, and the optimal anesthetic technique in awake craniotomy. We hope that our study identified the list of impactful articles that would answer these knowledge gaps, particularly those that are applicable to specific resource settings.

The most cited article in our study was written by Sanai et al. in 2008, with a total of 836 citations. This paper highlighted the variation of cortical language organization among patients.<sup>8</sup> The most significant finding in this article was the low morbidity rate from resection of cortical areas that yielded a negative response during cortical stimulation. This was contrary to the classic belief that there was a need to identify the language area by positive mapping before safe glioma resection can be performed.<sup>8</sup>

mapping enabled maximal tumor resection involving eloquent cortex with fewer neurologic deficits.<sup>4,9</sup> In fact, De Witt Hamer et al. recommended that intraoperative brain mapping be the standard of care for all glioma surgery.<sup>4</sup>

Seventy-four percent (74%) of the top 100 most cited articles were contributed by three countries: USA, France, and Italy. This finding demonstrated their significant contribution in the development of awake glioma surgery and its continuous advancement. The USA had the highest number of studies, producing 51 articles in the top 100 most cited articles. This was consistent with the finding of Elarjani et al. in their bibliometric analysis, wherein the USA was found to be number one in astrocytoma publications.<sup>2</sup> This was not surprising since the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) is one of the largest funding sponsors in glioblastoma multiforme research.<sup>10</sup> Furthermore, the three top countries in this analysis are among the most well-equipped and advanced in scientific research.<sup>1,2,10</sup>

There were 124 publications in the top 100 most cited articles, and they were produced by more than 50 institutions. The centers with more than five articles included University



**Figure 4.** Network diagram of related keywords from the top 100 most cited articles on awake glioma surgery. Each node represents a keyword, while edges indicate co-occurrence relationships. Node colors correspond to distinct thematic clusters, highlighting key research topics in awake craniotomy.

of California San Francisco, USA and Gui de Chauliac Hospital, Montpellier University Medical Center, France, which were tied at first place in producing 13 articles each. Pitié-Salpêtrière University Hospital, France was second by contributing 11 articles. These top institutions have been continuously producing high-quality science and impactful research to improve the outcome of patients with glioma. In fact, University of California San Francisco was awarded as the number one public institution by the NIH in 2022.<sup>11,12</sup> Interestingly, there was only one publication identified from LMICs, which ranked 89<sup>th</sup> in citation analysis. It accounted for 0.8% of the total publications identified, reflecting the paucity of data from resource-limited settings. This lone article is from India, which reported the results of a prospective randomized study comparing awake craniotomy versus surgery under general anesthesia for tumor resection in eloquent cortex.

The top authors from this analysis also came from the top institutions identified, namely Dr. Hughes Duffau from

Montpellier University and Dr. Mitchell Berger from University of California San Francisco. Dr. Duffau's work focused on the development of intraoperative monitoring in awake glioma surgery while Dr. Berger's work was more diverse, ranging from "bench to bedside" treatment for glioma. This included basic sciences studies, laboratory research, and their application in clinical settings.

Among the specialties, neurosurgery contributed the most articles, which is expected, and the journal that published the most number of articles in this analysis was Journal of Neurosurgery. Of the top 100 most cited articles, eight prospective studies discussed the impact of surgical management, particularly awake craniotomy, on the treatment of malignant glioma, and they all concluded that extent of resection was a significant prognostic factor for survival.<sup>9,13-19</sup> Several articles reported on the use of awake craniotomy with intraoperative brain mapping techniques and other adjuncts that allowed safe and maximal resection of tumors in eloquent areas and minimized postoperative neurologic complications.<sup>13-15,18,19</sup>



Anesthesia was the second most common specialty in this analysis, confirming its vital role in awake craniotomies. This exemplifies the need for an excellent multidisciplinary team to conduct successful awake glioma surgery.<sup>20</sup> The role of propofol and dexmedetomidine as anesthetic agents for awake craniotomy was also evident. In our list, these two anesthetic agents were the most studied and investigated in awake cranial surgery. Dexmedetomidine has a unique property that allows smooth transition from sleep to wakefulness, allowing the patient to be more cooperative during surgery.<sup>21</sup> Because of its unique sedative effect, two review studies also reported its application and feasibility in the pediatric population.<sup>22,23</sup> This opens avenues for research on the feasibility of awake cranial surgeries among pediatric patients. In fact, Ard et al. reported their experience on two pediatric patients who underwent awake craniotomy with dexmedetomidine. In their case series, the patients were able to complete neuro-psychological testing and brain mapping during the surgery.<sup>22</sup>

Aside from anesthesia, other non-neuroscience specialties such as radiology and psychology have produced articles as well.

### Type of Study and Content

Almost 50% of the studies were literature reviews and case reports or series. There were very few randomized controlled trials and most of the prospective studies were from the top three institutions identified. Most of the articles were about neurosurgical treatment and its clinical outcome. They included literature reviews, case series, and cohort studies about intraoperative brain mapping and maximal tumor resection. There were also 11 articles in the top 100 that described non-invasive adjuncts to awake craniotomy, brain mapping, and cortical stimulation, such as functional MRI, tractography, transcranial magnetic stimulation, image guidance, and neuronavigation. They were included in this analysis because

they were either used with or directly compared with awake craniotomy. One study concluded that presurgical mapping can improve the extent of tumor resection and the patient's clinical outcome.<sup>24</sup> This was a novel area for research since these methods are not yet standardized.<sup>24</sup> In a recently published report, Krieg et al. wrote that navigated transcranial magnetic stimulation showed excellent concurrence with direct cortical stimulation, at a level that is adequate for preoperative neurosurgical work-up and use as an adjunct for tumor surgery on eloquent areas. However, they cautioned that this should not replace the use of awake craniotomy in the resection of eloquent brain tumors.<sup>25</sup>

### Trend of Publications

Our findings showed an increasing trend in the number of publications from 2001 to 2017, which comprised 87% of the articles on the list (Figure 5). This trend coincided with the start of the use of awake craniotomy for brain tumor resection in most centers.<sup>5</sup> However, there was a decline in the number of studies thereafter, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. This decline can be attributed to a decrease in the number of elective surgery cases, as well as the hesitation of the surgical team to perform awake cranial surgery without a proper protocol in the early months of the pandemic.

### Network Analysis

Analysis of keywords revealed an extensive range of terms. The number of unique keywords suggests a broad spectrum of research interests, encompassing various aspects of awake craniotomy, including neuro-oncology, intraoperative monitoring, and functional preservation.

The most commonly used terms identified aligns with the established focus with awake craniotomy optimizing oncologic and functional outcomes. There is a wide variation in keyword usage, which may highlight differences in how

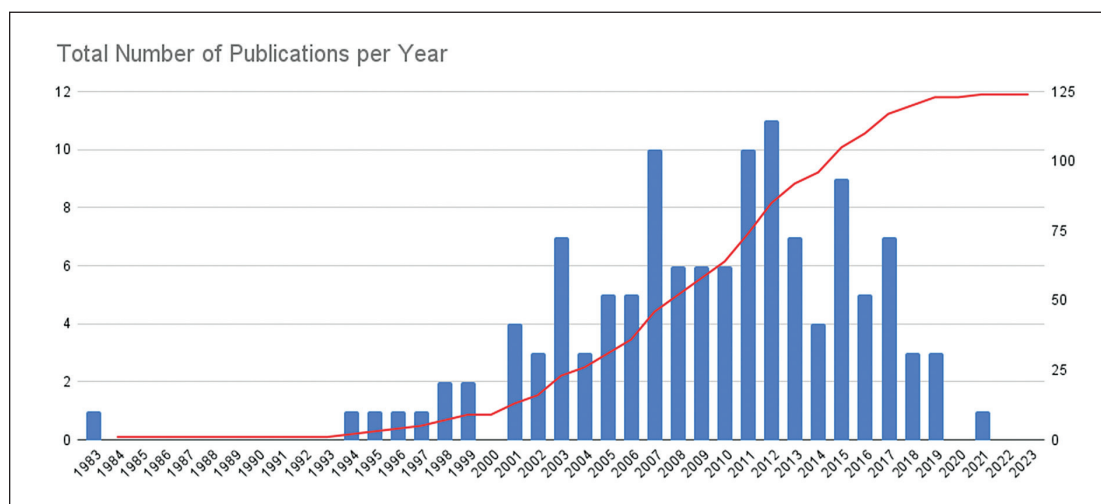


Figure 5. Distribution of top 100 most cited articles by year of publication.



authors prioritize descriptors, potentially influencing article discoverability in research databases (Figure 3).

In the network analysis of keywords, most were closely linked to the central keywords "glioma," "brain mapping," and "awake craniotomy," which correspond to the initial search query of the study (Figure 4). Tumor-related terms were found to be at the center of awake craniotomy discussions as well as surgical technique and functional outcomes. These keywords correlate with the general theme of awake craniotomy research – tumor resection, functional mapping, intraoperative imaging, patient safety, and treatment outcomes. These clusters reinforce the multidisciplinary nature of awake craniotomy, integrating neurosurgery, brain physiology, neuroimaging, neuro-oncology, and anesthesia for optimal patient care.

Future bibliometric studies could explore how keyword selection impacts citation rates and research visibility, providing further insight into the trends shaping the field of awake craniotomy.

### Limitations

Our study included only English language articles, and a search was performed in only two databases. The list is also expected to change over time, as more articles are written. Furthermore, the citation count for each of the articles was influenced by factors such as journal accessibility and reputation. This count is only an indirect measure of its scientific impact and relevance.

### CONCLUSION

The top 100 most cited articles highlighted the most relevant and influential articles in awake glioma surgery published to date. The content dealt with several aspects of awake craniotomy such as brain mapping, intraoperative techniques and adjuncts, and practice recommendations. This analysis illustrated the development of surgical treatment and approach to glioma throughout the years, and helped identify knowledge gaps and potential areas of research in glioma surgery.

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