Dear Colleagues,

*Korean Circulation Journal (KCJ)* is a professional, peer-reviewed journal covering the broad fields of cardiovascular disease. *KCJ* is the official journal of the Korean Society of Cardiology (KSC), the Korean Pediatric Heart Society, and the Korean Society of Lipidology and Atherosclerosis, and is published monthly in English. Additionally, *KCJ* is indexed by Scopus, PubMed, EMBASE and other internationally recognized organizations (Figure 1).

1. Introduction to the KSC

We are the KSC (currently with over 1,200 members), which was founded on 10 April 1957 in order to provide opportunities for Korean cardiologists to improve medical knowledge. We hold cardiology conferences, symposia and educational lectures annually, to which many distinguished scientists around the world are invited frequently, to share their knowledge (Figure 2), and also publish the *KCJ* monthly.

2. Introduction to KCJ

*KCJ* publishes scientific and state-of-the-art clinical articles aimed at improving human health in general, and contributing to the treatment and prevention of cardiovascular disease in particular (Figure 1).

The Journal publishes original articles of basic research and clinical findings, reviews, editorials, case reports, and images in cardiovascular medicine from members of the KSC, Korean Pediatric Heart Society, Korean

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**Figure 1.** New cover of *Korean Circulation Journal*.

**Figure 2.** A workshop for *Korean Circulation Journal* Editorial Board was held to exchange opinions to enhance the Journal at both the scientific and international level. This was the inaugural meeting of members.
Society of Lipidology and Atherosclerosis, and other international societies, providing a forum to share information, views, experiences, and educational materials in all cardiovascular-related areas.

The journal is simultaneously published in print and on the official website (http://www.koreancircj.kr). It is cited in PubMed, PubMed Central, Scopus, EMBASE, CAS, Google Scholar, KoreaMed, KoreaMed Synapse and KoMCI, and easily available to a wide international audience.

3. Newly Changed Cover of KCJ
As you can see (Figure 1), KCJ now has a new cover. KCJ has been known by this blood-red color for a long time. Our Society intends to set the trend and launch onto the international stage.

4. Potential for Partnership Between KSC and Japanese Circulation Society (JCS)
It is with great honor that KCJ is introduced to the readers of Circulation Journal via this wonderful opportunity. A partnership between KSC and JCS is crucial to the development of cardiology, which has been attracting growing international interest.

In this regard, we hope our partnership between KSC and JCS will be longstanding.

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On behalf of the Japanese Circulation Society, I deeply appreciate the great contribution of the 4 Korean cardiologists to the Circulation Journal.

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