Message From the Editor-in-Chief

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On behalf of the *Circulation Journal*, I would like to let you know the top 40 papers most frequently cited in the 2011 issues of the *Circulation Journal*. The number in the parenthesis denotes the number of citations in *Circulation Journal* in the year of 2011.

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