Message From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues;

On behalf of the Editorial Team of the *Circulation Journal*, an official journal of the Japanese Circulation Society (JCS), I would like to announce several messages.

*Circulation Journal* has marked its official 2017 impact factor (IF) 2.895 from the Journal Citation Reports® (JCR), placing the Journal 54th among the 128 journals in the Cardiac & Cardiovascular Systems category in the 2017 JCR Science Edition. The digit was attained by significant contribution of many colleagues to the Journal. We try to publish highly selected articles that attract researchers from a broad spectrum of cardiovascular field.

Although we are receiving many excellent clinical research articles, submission of basic science articles is also encouraged. We are waiting your next submission of basic cardiovascular science papers in addition to the clinical science manuscript.

Also last year, a new online-only full open access journal has launched. The name of this new electric journal is the “*Circulation Reports*”. *Circulation Journal* is receiving about 1,500 manuscripts annually and currently can publish only 350 of those. We are thinking some of the submitted manuscript to the *Circulation Journal* will be transferred to the *Circulation Reports*. The transferred manuscripts from the *Circulation Journal* as well as newly submitted manuscripts will be considered from the *Circulation Reports*. The first Editor-in-Chief of *Circulation Reports* is Prof. Masataka Sata, Tokushima University.

Finally, the Editorial Team of the *Circulation Journal* greatly appreciates your strong support and contributions to the Journal. We look forward to your next submission.

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