Editorial Statistics and Best Reviewers Award for 2019

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the *Circulation Journal*, I am pleased to announce the editorial statistics for 2019, and the recipients of the Best Reviewers Awards for 2019.

1. Editorial statistics for 2019

As shown in **Figure 1**, we received **1,211** manuscripts in 2019, for publication in the Journal, including 946 original papers (838 clinical and 108 experimental), 12 invited review articles, 39 invited editorials, 25 rapid

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Figure 4. The number of submissions for the last 10 years in top 5 countries. Asia (All): all Asian countries except Japan.

communications, and 130 images in cardiovascular medicine. Approximately half were submitted from Japan, followed by China, Korea, Taiwan, and USA (**Figure 2**). For the last 10 years, the number of submissions has been steadily increasing even after we terminated publication of case reports in October 2008 (**Figure 3**). The abovementioned 5 countries have remained the top 5 countries in terms of paper submissions over that period (**Figure 4**). The acceptance rate for original manuscripts in 2019 was approximately **24.9%**.

2. Best Reviewers Awards for 2019

In 2019, a total of 961 reviewers kindly reviewed the manuscripts submitted. In appreciation of their valuable contributions, we have selected the 20 Best Reviewers of the Year 2019 as follows:

Hirohiko Ando, MD

(Aichi Medical University, Aichi)

Number of reviews: 19

RPS: 124.0

Previous awards: 2017

Hideki Ishii, MD

(Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, Aichi)

Number of reviews: 15

RPS: 110.0

Previous awards: 2008, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Hiroshi Asanuma, MD

(Meiji University of Integrative Medicine, Kyoto)

Number of reviews: 15

RPS: 90.0

Previous awards: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Osamu Tsukamoto, MD

(Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka)

Number of reviews: 15

RPS: 87.0

Previous awards: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Shinsuke Miyazaki, MD

(Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Fukui, Fukui)

Number of reviews: 14

RPS: 84.0

Previous awards: 2015, 2017, 2018

Kenichi Tsujita, MD

(Kumamoto University, Kumamoto)

Number of reviews: 15

RPS: 81.2

Previous awards: 2017

Shin Ito, MD

(National Cerebral and Cardiovascular Center, Osaka)

Number of reviews: 15

RPS: 81.0

Previous awards: 2017, 2018

Naohiko Takahashi, MD

(Oita University, Oita)

Number of reviews: 13

RPS: 75.0

Previous awards: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018

Shoji Sanada, MD*(Osaka City University, Osaka)*

Number of reviews: 13

RPS: 72.0

Previous awards: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013,
2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018**Takashi Kubo, MD***(Wakayama Medical University, Wakayama)*

Number of reviews: 11

RPS: 71.1

Yoshihiro Seo, MD*(Nagoya City University Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Aichi)*

Number of reviews: 10

RPS: 57.0

Previous awards: 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

Ken Kozuma, MD*(Teikyo University, Tokyo)*

Number of reviews: 11

RPS: 52.6

Akiomi Yoshihisa, MD*(Fukushima Medical University, Fukushima)*

Number of reviews: 8

RPS: 52.0

Previous awards: 2018

Takashi Noda, MD*(National Cerebral and Cardiovascular Center, Osaka)*

Number of reviews: 10

RPS: 49.3

Teruyoshi Kume, MD*(Kawasaki Medical School, Okayama)*

Number of reviews: 10

RPS: 49.3

Koichi Inoue, MD*(Sakurabashi Watanabe Hospital, Osaka)*

Number of reviews: 9

RPS: 49.1

Previous awards: 2015

Takahiro Okumura, MD*(Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, Aichi)*

Number of reviews: 8

RPS: 48.0

Previous awards: 2018

Yasuo Okumura, MD*(Nihon University School of Medicine, Tokyo)*

Number of reviews: 11

RPS: 46.4

Takahisa Kondo, MD*(Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, Aichi)*

Number of reviews: 6

RPS: 46.0

Shichiro Abe, MD*(Dokkyo Medical University, Tochigi)*

Number of reviews: 10

RPS: 45.6

***The Reviewer Performance Score (RPS)** is determined as follows for reviewers who made at least 6 reviews in 2019 (review time limit, 14 days):

***RPS**=[(Number of reviews completed within 1 week)×2+(number of reviews completed within 2 weeks)×1+(number of reviews completed within 3 weeks)×0.2]×quality of review (average)–(number of declined reviews)+(number of editorial comments published in the Journal)×10.

The review quality of reviewers was evaluated for each manuscript by an Associate Editor who was in charge of the manuscript (range: 1~3) and the average score used.

The above Reviewers will be awarded by the Japanese Circulation Society with a Certificate of Achievement and an honorarium.

In the year ahead in 2020, we expect a steady increase in the number of submissions, as well as an increase in the scientific impact of the Journal.

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