

Editorial Statistics and Best Reviewers Award for 2018

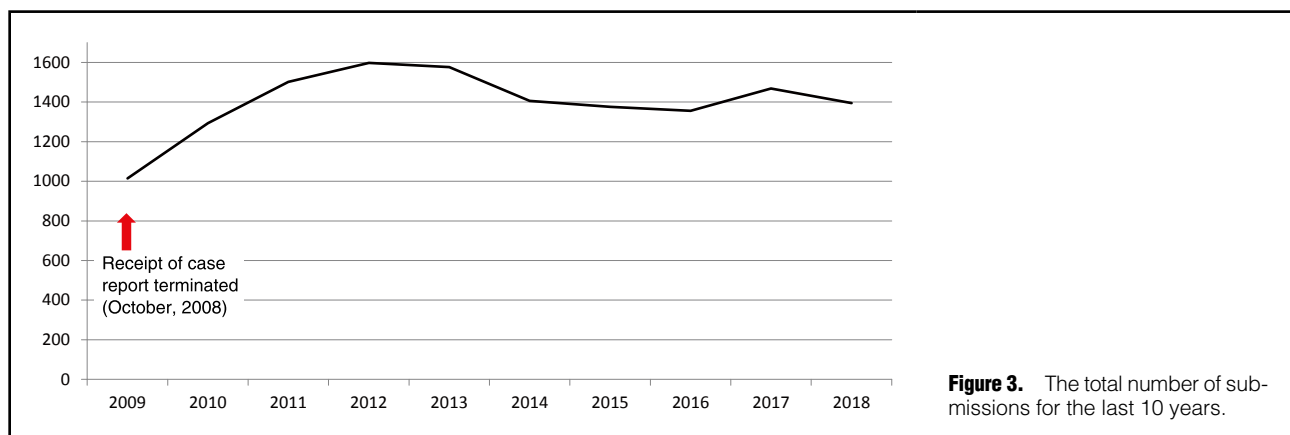
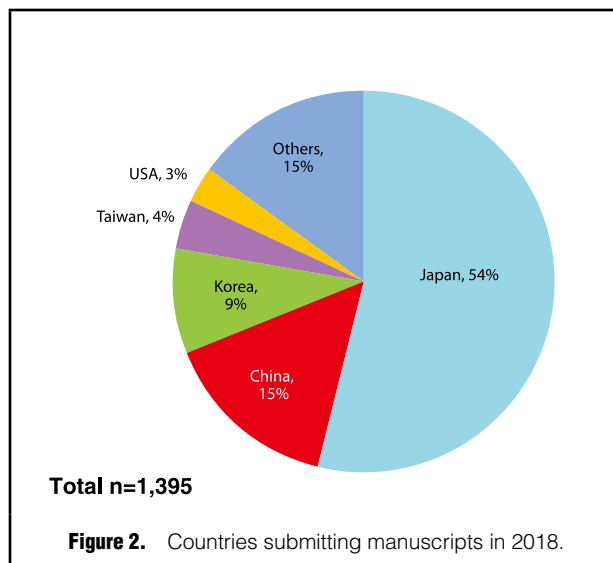
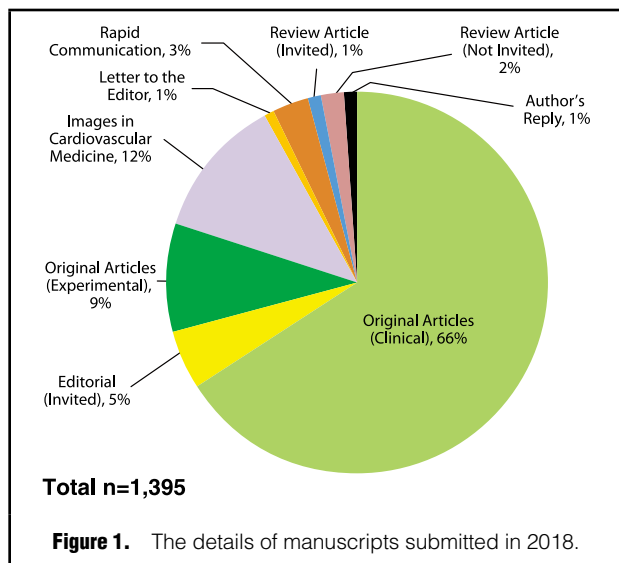
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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the *Circulation Journal*, I am pleased to announce the editorial statistics for 2018, and the recipients of the Best Reviewers Awards for 2018.

1. Editorial statistics for 2018

As shown in **Figure 1**, we received **1,395** manuscripts in 2018, for publication in the Journal, including 1,046 original papers (924 clinical and 122 experimental), 16 invited review articles, 65 invited editorials, 47 rapid

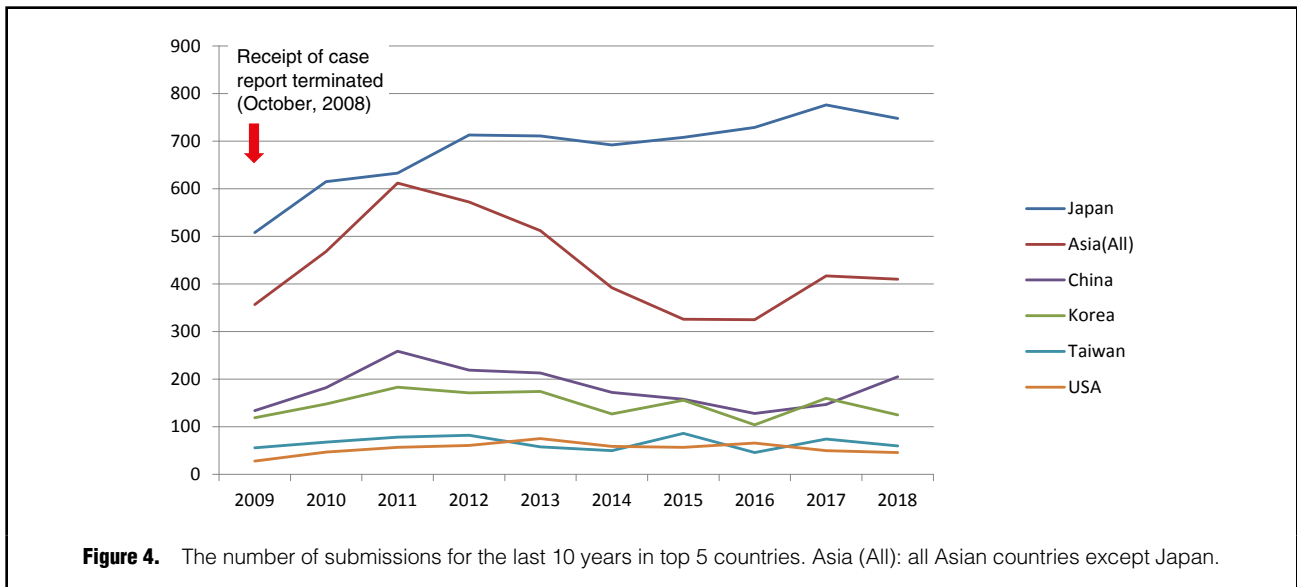


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communications, and 173 images in cardiovascular medicine. Approximately half were submitted from Japan, followed by China, Korea, Taiwan, and USA (**Figure 2**). For the last 10 years, the number of submissions has been steadily increasing even after 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 2018 was approximately **25.1%**.

2. Best Reviewers Awards for 2018

In 2018, a total of 920 reviewers kindly reviewed the manuscripts submitted. In appreciation of their valuable contributions, we have selected the 20 Best Reviewers of the Year 2018 as follows:

Hideki Ishii, MD

(Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, Aichi)

Number of reviews: 21

RPS: 128.0

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

Osamu Tsukamoto, MD

(Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka)

Number of reviews: 21

RPS: 123.0

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

Hiroshi Asanuma, MD

(Meiji University of Integrative Medicine, Kyoto)

Number of reviews: 18

RPS: 115.0

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

Shin Ito, MD

(National Cerebral and Cardiovascular Center, Osaka)

Number of reviews: 17

RPS: 112.0

Previous awards: 2017

Eitaro Kodani, MD

(Nippon Medical School Tama-Nagayama Hospital, Tokyo)

Number of reviews: 11

RPS: 82.0

Previous awards: 2017

Naohiko Takahashi, MD

(Oita University Faculty of Medicine, Oita)

Number of reviews: 15

RPS: 79.3

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

Akiomi Yoshihisa, MD

(Fukushima Medical University, Fukushima)

Number of reviews: 13

RPS: 79.2

Takahiro Okumura, MD

(Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, Aichi)

Number of reviews: 13

RPS: 76.0

Shoji Sanada, MD*(Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka)*

Number of reviews: 13

RPS: 75.0

Previous awards: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Yoshihiro Seo, MD*(University of Tsukuba, Ibaraki)*

Number of reviews: 13

RPS: 75.0

Previous awards: 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017

Shinsuke Miyazaki, MD*(University of Fukui Faculty of Medical Sciences, Fukui)*

Number of reviews: 12

RPS: 68.0

Previous awards: 2015, 2017

Takuya Kishi, MD*(Kyushu University Center for Disruptive Cardiovascular Medicine, Fukuoka)*

Number of reviews: 11

RPS: 62.0

Eiichi Watanabe, MD*(Fujita Health University School of Medicine, Aichi)*

Number of reviews: 11

RPS: 59.2

Shiro Nakahara, MD*(Dokkyo Medical University Saitama Medical Center, Saitama)*

Number of reviews: 14

RPS: 58.5

Kentaro Hayashida, MD*(Keio University School of Medicine, Tokyo)*

Number of reviews: 16

RPS: 58.4

Junya Ako, MD*(Kitasato University, Kanagawa)*

Number of reviews: 11

RPS: 58.2

Previous awards: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Yasushi Mukai, MD*(Kyushu University, Fukuoka)*

Number of reviews: 9

RPS: 54.0

Takashi Kunihara, MD*(The Jikei University School of Medicine, Tokyo)*

Number of reviews: 9

RPS: 53.4

Masaharu Akao, MD*(National Hospital Organization Kyoto Medical Center, Kyoto)*

Number of reviews: 16

RPS: 50.6

Norihide Fukushima, MD*(National Cerebral and Cardiovascular Center, Osaka)*

Number of reviews: 9

RPS: 50.0

***The Reviewer Performance Score (RPS)** is determined as follows for reviewers who made at least 6 reviews in 2018 (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 2019, 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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