



Editorial Statistics and Best Reviewers Awards for 2009

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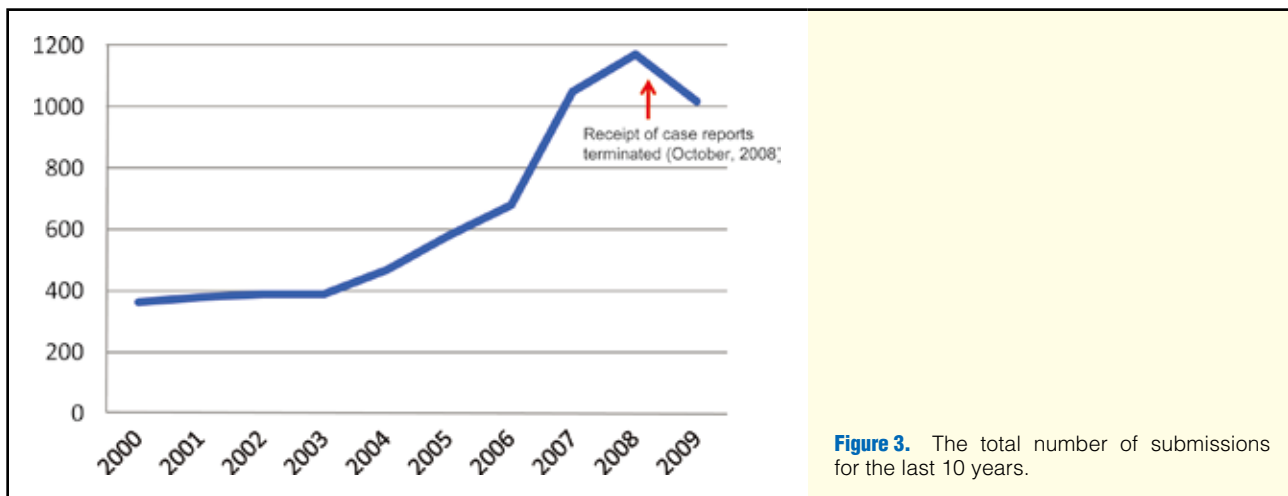
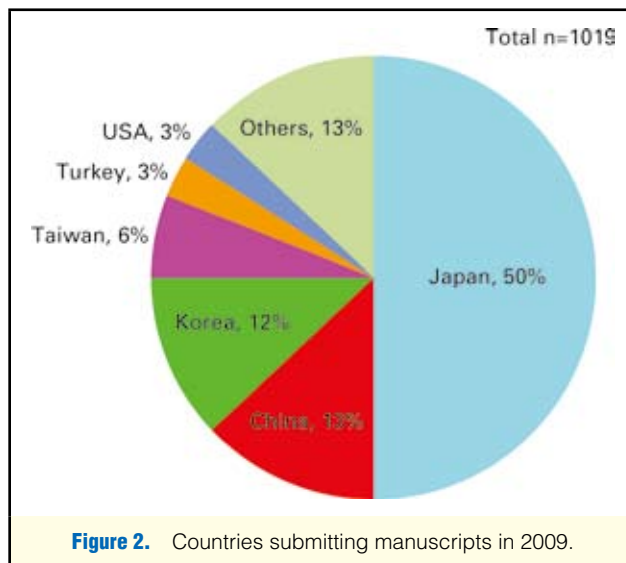
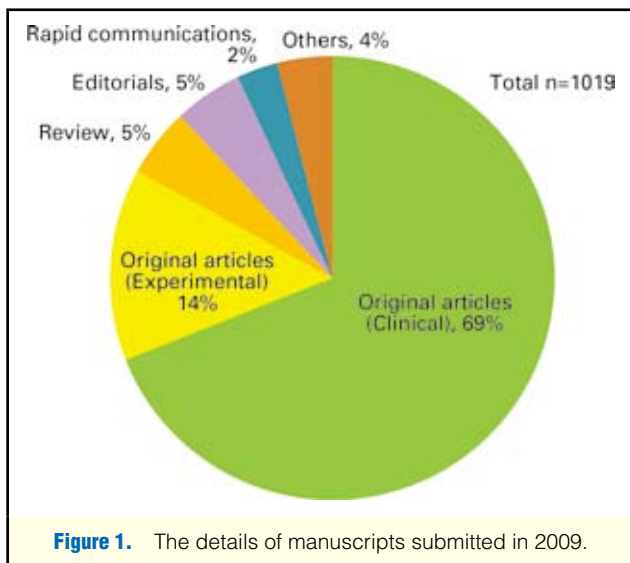
Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the Circulation Journal, I am pleased to announce the editorial statistics for 2009, and the recipients of the Best Reviewers Awards for 2009.

1. Editorial statistics for 2009

As shown in **Figure 1**, we received 1,019 manuscripts in 2009 for publication in the Journal, including 842 original papers (704 clinical and 138 experimental), 55 invited review articles, 56 invited editorials, and 24 rapid communications. Approximately half were submitted from Japan, followed by China, Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, and the U.S.A. (**Figure 2**).

For the last 10 years, the number of submissions has been steadily increasing even after we terminated to receive case reports in October 2008 (**Figure 3**). The above-mentioned 6 countries have remained the top 6



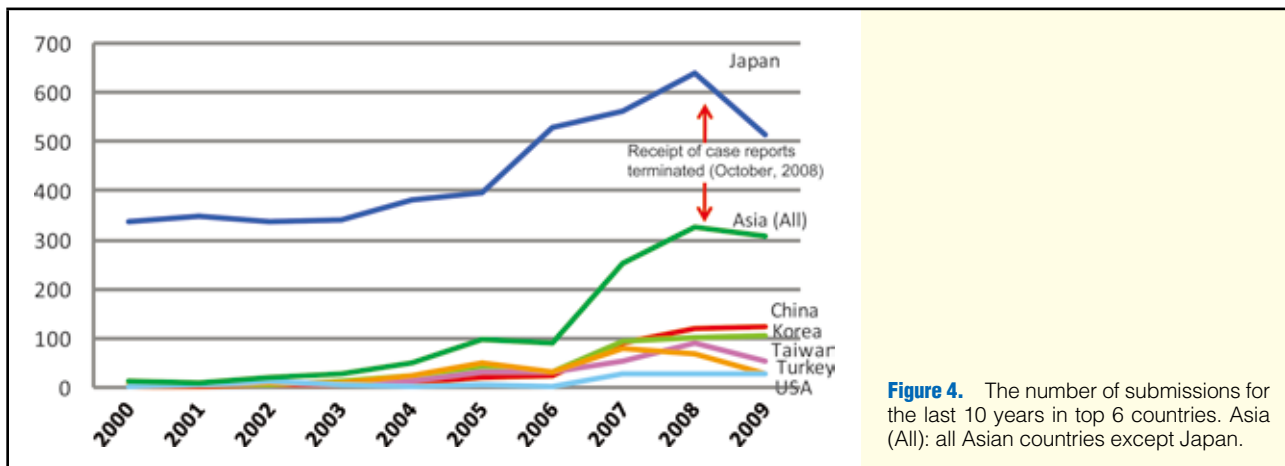


Figure 4. The number of submissions for the last 10 years in top 6 countries. Asia (All): all Asian countries except Japan.

countries in terms of paper submission over that period (Figure 4).

The acceptance rate for original manuscripts in 2009 was approximately 23%.

2. Best Reviewers Awards for 2009

In 2009, in total 783 reviewers kindly reviewed the manuscripts submitted. In appreciation of their valuable contributions, we have selected the 10 Best Reviewers of the Year 2009 as follows:

Name	Institute	Reviewer performance score*
Hiroshi Asanuma, MD	Kinki University	44
Shoji Sanada, MD	National Cardiovascular Center	44
Masaharu Ishihara, MD	Hiroshima City Hospital	25
Akira Fujiki, MD	Toyama University	23
Shinichi Niwano, MD	Kitasato University	23
Nobuyuki Ohte, MD	Nagoya City University	22.4
Akinori Kimura, MD	Tokyo Medical and Dental University	22
Masaaki Uematsu, MD	Kansai Rosai Hospital	22
Tetsushi Furukawa, MD	Tokyo Medical and Dental University	21
Masanori Kawasaki, MD	Gifu University	21

*The reviewer performance score is determined as follows for reviewers who made at least 6 reviews in 2009 (review time limit, 14 days):

$(\text{Number of reviews completed within 1 week}) \times 2 + (\text{number of reviews completed within 2 weeks}) \times 1 + (\text{number of reviews completed within 3 weeks}) \times 0.2 - (\text{number of declined reviews}) + (\text{number of editorial comments published in the Journal}) \times 4.$

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

In the year ahead in 2010, 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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