



Message From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the Circulation Journal, I would like to let you know about the official 2009 impact factor and the Circulation Journal papers (2007–2008) most frequently quoted in 2009, that substantially contributed to the 2009 impact factor of the Journal.

1. The Official 2009 Impact Factor

We are pleased to inform that Circulation Journal has earned an official 2009 Impact Factor (IF) of **2.692**. The official ranking also places Circulation Journal 36th among the 95 journals in the Cardiac & Cardiovascular Systems category in 2009 JCR Science Edition. I would like to congratulate Dr. Matsuzaki, the immediate past Editor-in-Chief, who served until June 2008, all the members of the Editorial Committee, authors, reviewers and all our readers for their great contributions to Circulation Journal.

2. The Most Frequently Quoted CJ Papers (2007–2008) in 2009

The following papers, published in 2007–2008, were among the top 27 most frequently quoted papers in 2009, thereby substantially contributing to the 2009 Impact Factor of the Journal (number in the parenthesis denoted the number of quotation in 2007–2008).

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