



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 the top 43 papers most frequently cited in the 2012 issues of the *Circulation Journal*. The number in the parenthesis denotes the number of citations in *Circulation Journal* in the year of 2012.

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