



## Message From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the *Circulation Journal*, I am pleased to report the official 2014 impact factor and the *Circulation Journal* papers (2012–2013) most frequently quoted in 2014, that substantially contributed to the 2014 impact factor of the Journal.

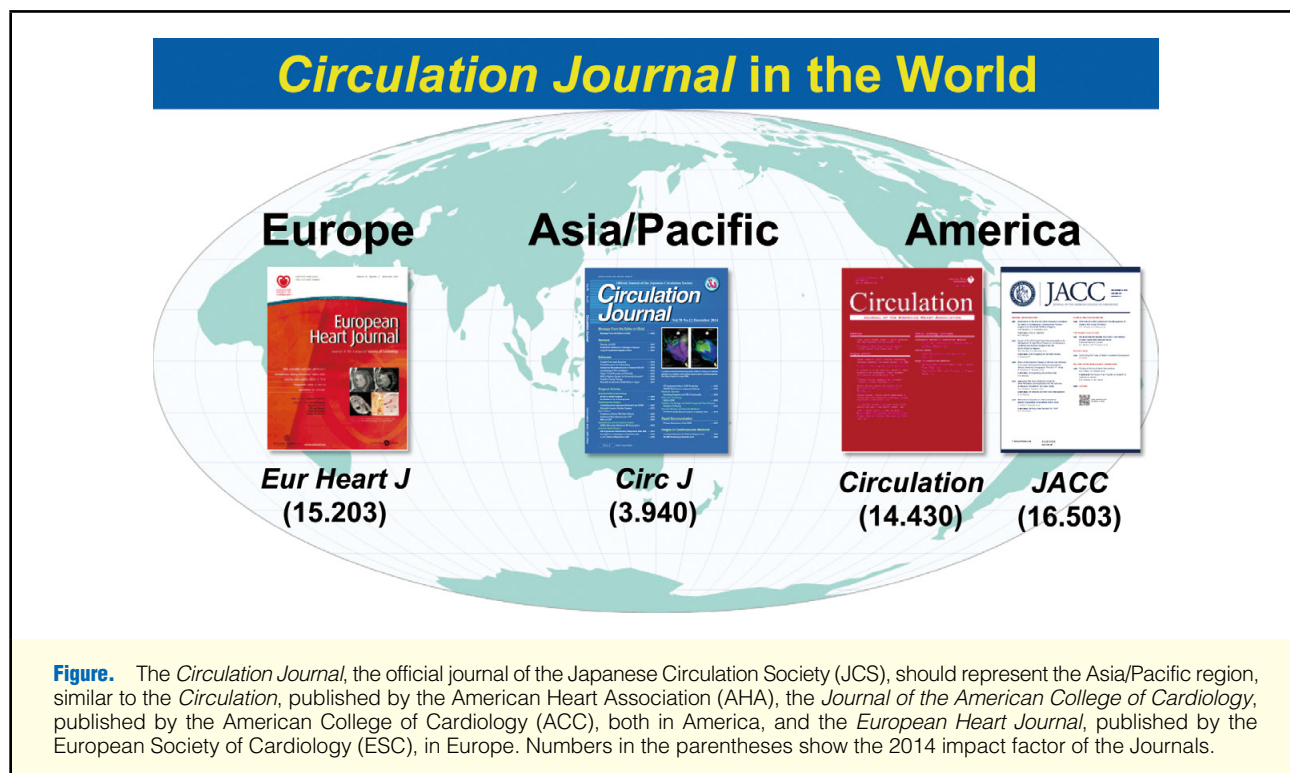
### 1. The Official 2014 Impact Factor

I am pleased to report that *Circulation Journal* has earned an official 2014 Impact Factor (IF) of **3.940**. The official ranking also places *Circulation Journal* **31st** among the **123** journals in the Cardiac & Cardiovascular Systems category in 2014 JCR Science Edition (36th among the 125 journals in 2013) (**Figure**).

### 2. The Most Frequently Quoted CJ Papers (2012–2013) in 2014

The following papers, published in 2012–2013, were among the top **30** most frequently quoted papers in 2014, thereby substantially contributing to the 2014 Impact Factor of the Journal (number in the parenthesis denoted the number of quotation in 2012–2013).

1. (47) Hori M, Matsumoto M, Tanahashi N, Momomura S, Uchiyama S, Goto S, et al; on behalf of the J-ROCKET AF study investigators. Rivaroxaban vs. warfarin in Japanese patients with atrial fibrillation: The J-ROCKET AF Study. *Circ J* 2012; **76**: 2104–2111.
2. (22) Inoue H, Okumura K, Atarashi H, Yamashita T, Origasa H, Kumagai N, et al; on behalf of the J-RHYTHM Registry investigators. Target international normalized ratio values for preventing thromboembolic and hemorrhagic events in Japanese patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation: Results of the J-RHYTHM Registry. *Circ J* 2013; **77**: 2264–2270.



**Figure.** The *Circulation Journal*, the official journal of the Japanese Circulation Society (JCS), should represent the Asia/Pacific region, similar to the *Circulation*, published by the American Heart Association (AHA), the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, published by the American College of Cardiology (ACC), both in America, and the *European Heart Journal*, published by the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), in Europe. Numbers in the parentheses show the 2014 impact factor of the Journals.

- (22) Matsubara J, Sugiyama S, Akiyama E, Iwashita S, Kurokawa H, Ohba K, et al. Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor, sitagliptin, improves endothelial dysfunction in association with its anti-inflammatory effects in patients with coronary artery disease and uncontrolled diabetes. *Circ J* 2013; **77**: 1337–1344.
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8. (18) Antzelevitch C. Genetic, molecular and cellular mechanisms underlying the J wave syndromes. *Circ J* 2012; **76**: 1054–1065.
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- (15) Chung SY, Sheu JJ, Lin YJ, Sun CK, Chang LT, Chen YL, et al. Outcome of patients with profound cardiogenic shock after cardiopulmonary resuscitation and prompt extracorporeal membrane oxygenation support: A single-center observational study. *Circ J* 2012; **76**: 1385–1392.
- (15) Kume T, Okura H, Miyamoto Y, Yamada R, Saito K, Tamada T, et al. Natural history of stent edge dissection, tissue protrusion and incomplete stent apposition detectable only on optical coherence tomography after stent implantation: Preliminary observation. *Circ J* 2012; **76**: 698–703.
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- (14) Sato N, Kajimoto K, Keida T, Mizuno M, Minami Y, Yumino D, et al; on behalf of the ATTEND investigators. Clinical features and outcome in hospitalized heart failure in Japan (from the ATTEND Registry). *Circ J* 2013; **77**: 944–951.
- (14) Minamino T. Cardioprotection from ischemia/reperfusion injury: Basic and translational research. *Circ J* 2012; **76**: 1074–1082.
17. (13) Annema W, von Eckardstein A. High-density lipoproteins: Multifunctional but vulnerable protections from atherosclerosis. *Circ J* 2013; **77**: 2432–2448.
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