

## Editorial Statistics and Best Reviewers Award for 2016

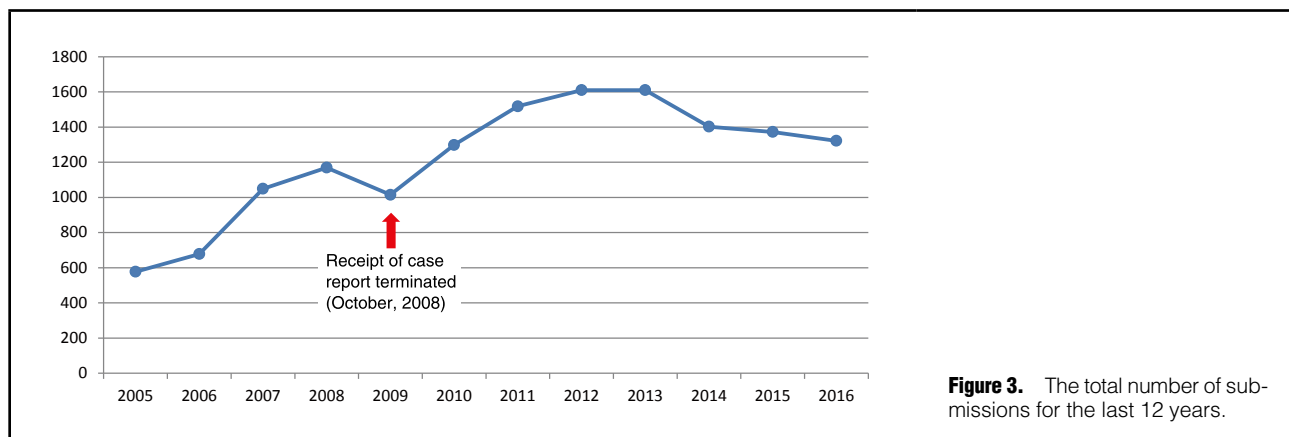
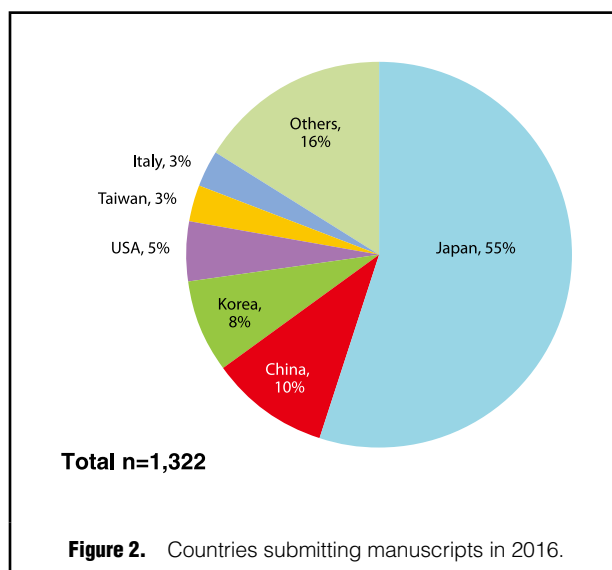
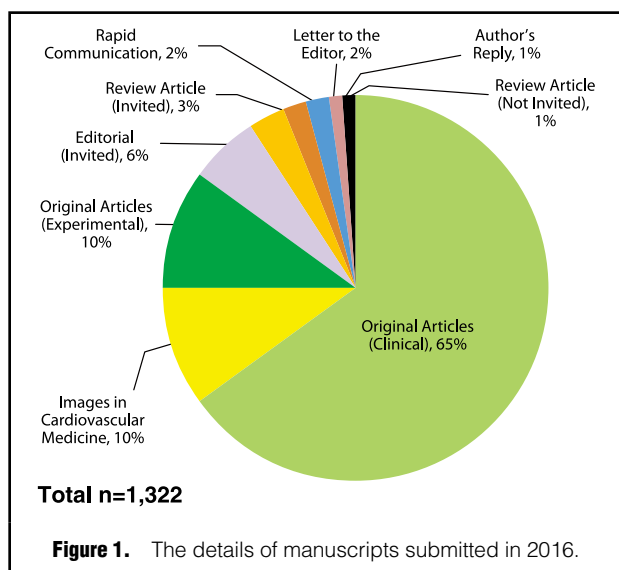
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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the *Circulation Journal*, I am pleased to announce the editorial statistics for 2016, and the recipients of the Best Reviewers Awards for 2016.

### 1. Editorial statistics for 2016

As shown in **Figure 1**, we received **1,322** manuscripts in 2016, the highest number on record, for publication in the Journal, including 989 original papers (860 clinical and 129 experimental), 37 invited review articles, and 37 invited review articles.

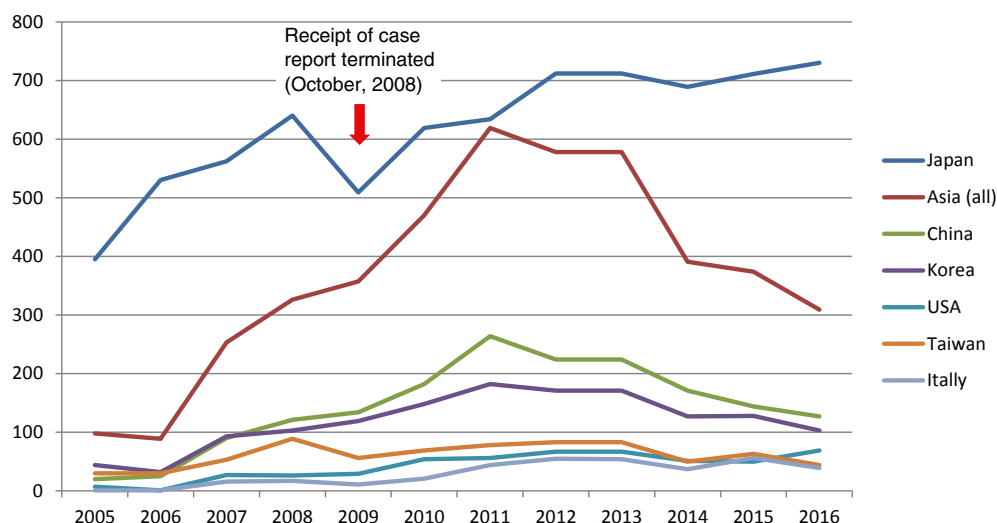


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**Figure 4.** The number of submissions for the last 12 years in top 6 countries. Asia (All): all Asian countries except Japan.

76 invited editorials, 28 rapid communications, and 140 images in cardiovascular medicine. Approximately half were submitted from Japan, followed by China, Korea, USA, Taiwan, and Italy (**Figure 2**). For the last 12 years, the number of submissions has been steadily increasing even after we terminated publication of case reports in October 2008 and the East Japan Earthquake Disaster (**Figure 3**). The abovementioned 6 countries have remained the top 6 countries in terms of paper submissions over that period (**Figure 4**). The acceptance rate for original manuscripts in 2016 was approximately **24.8%**.

## 2. Best Reviewers Awards for 2016

In 2016, a total of 1,049 reviewers kindly reviewed the manuscripts submitted. In appreciation of their valuable contributions, we have selected the 20 Best Reviewers of the Year 2016 as follows:



**Osamu Tsukamoto, MD**  
(Osaka University Graduate,  
School of Medicine, Osaka)

Number of reviews: 28  
RPS: 165.0  
Previous awards: 2012, 2013,  
2014, 2015



**Hiroshi Asanuma, MD**  
(Meiji University of Integrative  
Medicine, Kyoto)

Number of reviews: 26  
RPS: 153.0  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010,  
2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015



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

Number of reviews: 16  
RPS: 93.0  
Previous awards: 2008, 2009,  
2010, 2011, 2012, 2013,  
2014, 2015



**Junya Ako, MD**  
(Kitasato University School of  
Medicine, Kanagawa)

Number of reviews: 16  
RPS: 92.0  
Previous awards: 2014, 2015



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

Number of reviews: 16  
RPS: 84.6  
Previous awards: 2012, 2015



**Koichiro Kinugawa, MD**  
(University of Toyama,  
Toyama)

Number of reviews: 14  
RPS: 82.0  
Previous awards: 2013, 2014



**Shinichi Niwano, MD**  
(Kitasato University,  
Kanagawa)

Number of reviews: 14  
RPS: 80.0  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010,  
2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015



**Kyung-Duk Min, MD**  
(National Cerebral and  
Cardiovascular Center, Osaka)

Number of reviews: 20  
RPS: 76.2  
Previous awards: 2013, 2014,  
2015



**Kazuhiro Yamamoto, MD**  
(Tottori University, Tottori)

Number of reviews: 12  
RPS: 72.0  
Previous awards: 2008, 2010,  
2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015



**Teiichi Yamane, MD**  
(Jikei University School of  
Medicine, Tokyo)

Number of reviews: 10  
RPS: 62.2



**Tetsuya Matoba, MD**  
(Kyushu University Hospital,  
Fukuoka)

Number of reviews: 12  
RPS: 60.6



**Hideki Ishii, MD**  
(Nagoya University Graduate  
School of Medicine, Aichi)

Number of reviews: 11  
RPS: 60.0  
Previous awards: 2008, 2011,  
2012, 2015



**Yoshihiro Fukumoto, MD**  
(Kurume University School of  
Medicine, Fukuoka)

Number of reviews: 10  
RPS: 55.0



**Takashi Kurita, MD**  
(Kindai University, Osaka)

Number of reviews: 11  
RPS: 54.3



**Hiroyuki Morita, MD**  
(The University of Tokyo,  
Tokyo)

Number of reviews: 9  
RPS: 54.0  
Previous awards: 2013, 2014,  
2015



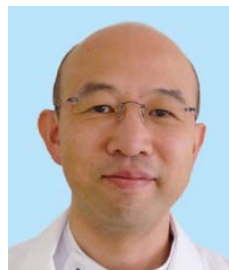
**Masaharu Ishihara, MD**  
(Hyogo College of Medicine,  
Hyogo)

Number of reviews: 8  
RPS: 53.1  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010,  
2011, 2013, 2014, 2015



**Hiroshi Tada, MD**  
(University of Fukui Hospital,  
Fukui)

Number of reviews: 9  
RPS: 53.0  
Previous awards: 2012, 2013



**Kazufumi Nakamura, MD**  
(Okayama University,  
Okayama)

Number of reviews: 10  
RPS: 52.0



**Naohiko Takahashi, MD**  
(Oita University, Oita)

Number of reviews: 7  
RPS: 52.0  
Previous awards: 2011, 2012,  
2013, 2014



**Toru Maruyama, MD**  
(Kyushu University, Fukuoka)

Number of reviews: 9  
RPS: 52.0  
Previous awards: 2012, 2013

**\*The Reviewer Performance Score (RPS)** is determined as follows for reviewers who made at least 6 reviews in 2016 (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 2017, 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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