

Journal Policy: No Publishing of Research Papers Funded by the Tobacco Industry

The Japanese Circulation Society (JCS), as a professional society seeking to reduce instances of cardiovascular diseases, has been carrying out proactive measures to promote anti-smoking and to prevent passive smoking. In 2002 and 2013, the JCS made an anti-smoking declaration appealing to society regarding the significance of these measures.

The JCS has decided to follow the recommendations of the World Medical Association and the guidelines of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC); it will accept no funds from tobacco companies (including subsidiaries) and tobacco research organizations such as the Smoking Research Foundation, in Japan and overseas (hereafter the "tobacco industry"), to promote anti-smoking. Moreover, the JCS journal has decided not to publish research papers funded by the tobacco industry.

The JCS will however continue to review its relationship with the tobacco industry to meet social changes in future. It is ready to confer with the industry whenever it is faced with questions from researchers about the implementation of the above policies or when any new problems crop up.

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