



## Editorial Statistics and Best Reviewers Award for 2011

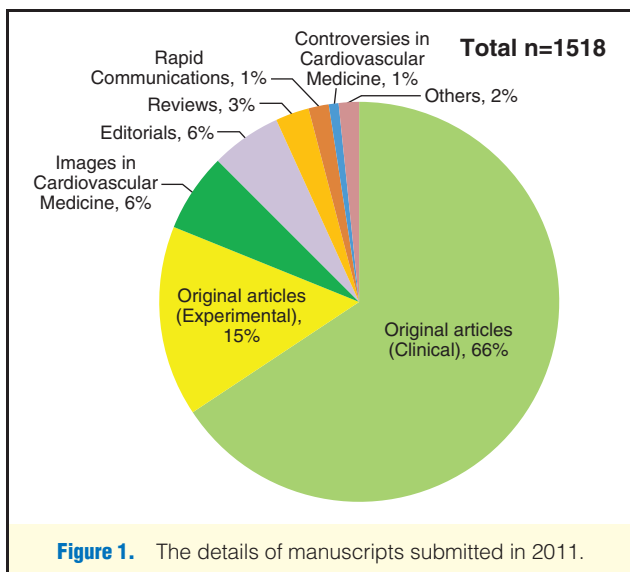
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Dear Colleagues

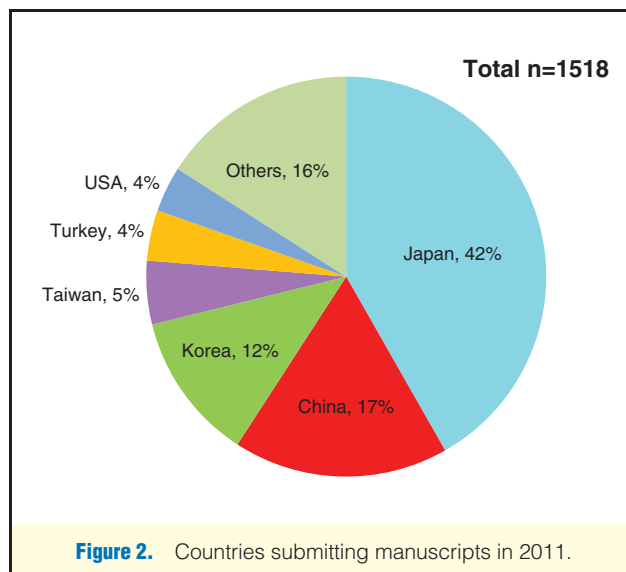
On behalf of the *Circulation Journal*, I am pleased to announce the editorial statistics for 2011, and the recipients of the Best Reviewers Awards for 2011.

### 1. Editorial statistics for 2011

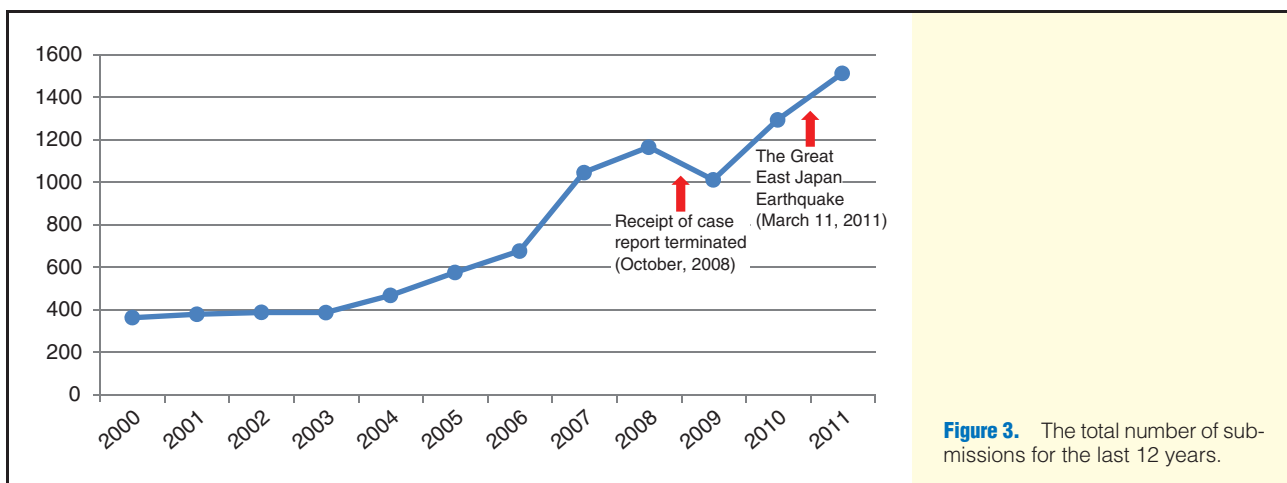
As shown in **Figure 1**, we received **1,518** manuscripts in 2011, the highest number on record, for publication in the Journal, including 1,231 original papers (997 clinical and 234 experimental), 41 invited review articles, 87 invited editorials, 25 rapid communications, 97 images in cardiovascular medicine, and 12 controversies in cardiovascular medicine. Forty-two % of them were submitted from Japan, followed by China, Korea, Taiwan, Turkey and the U.S.A. (**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 notwithstanding the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011 (**Figure 3**). The abovementioned have remained the top 6 countries



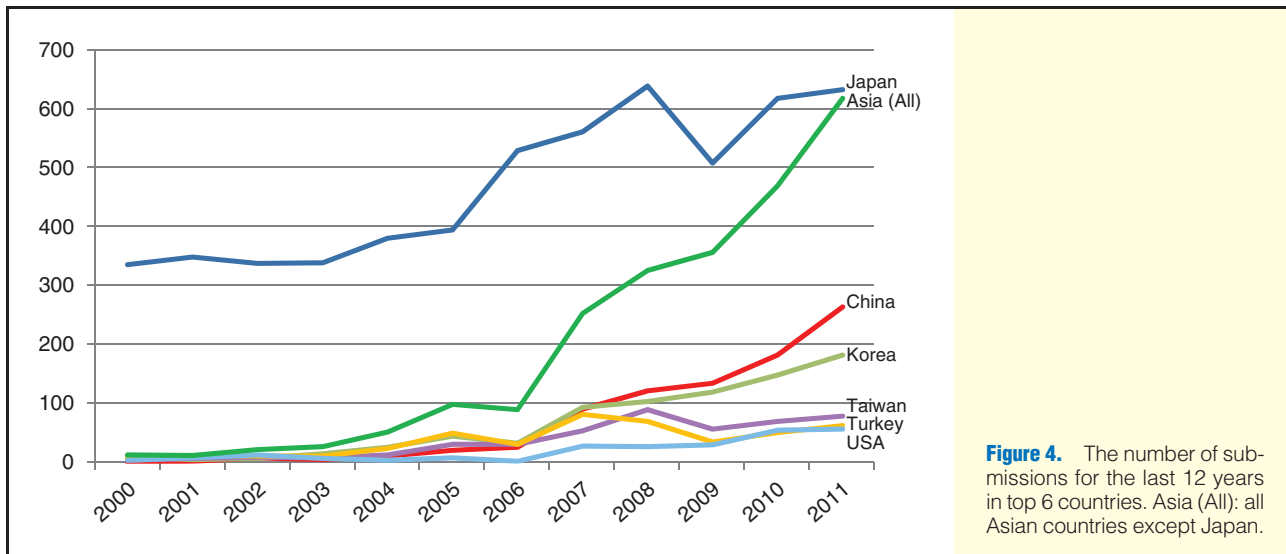
**Figure 1.** The details of manuscripts submitted in 2011.



**Figure 2.** Countries submitting manuscripts in 2011.



**Figure 3.** The total number of submissions for the last 12 years.



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

in terms of paper submissions over that period (**Figure 4**). The acceptance rate for original manuscripts in 2011 was approximately **18%**.

## 2. Best Reviewers Awards for 2011

In 2011, a total of 861 reviewers kindly reviewed the submitted manuscripts. In appreciation of their valuable contributions, we have selected the 20 Best Reviewers of the Year 2011 as follows:



**Hiroshi Asanuma, MD**  
(Kyoto Prefectural University  
School of Medicine, Kyoto)

Number of reviews: 40  
RPS: 257.3  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010



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

Number of reviews: 35  
RPS: 220.0  
Previous awards: 2008, 2009,  
2010



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

Number of reviews: 15  
RPS: 87.0  
Previous awards: 2008



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

Number of reviews: 18  
RPS: 84.4  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010



**Sunao Kojima, MD**  
(Kumamoto University, Kumamoto)

Number of reviews: 13  
RPS: 79.4



**Tetsushi Furukawa, MD**  
(Tokyo Medical and Dental  
University, Tokyo)

Number of reviews: 15  
RPS: 76.7  
Previous awards: 2009



**Akira Fujiki, MD**  
(Shizuoka Red Cross Hospital,  
Shizuoka)  
Number of reviews: 14  
RPS: 76.4  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010



**Paul Schoenhagen, MD**  
(Cleveland Clinic, USA)  
Number of reviews: 11  
RPS: 73.3



**Kazuhiro Satomi, MD**  
(National Cerebral and Cardio-  
vascular Center, Osaka)  
Number of reviews: 11  
RPS: 72.0



**Hisashi Kai, MD**  
(Kurume University, Fukuoka)  
Number of reviews: 12  
RPS: 69.0



**Masamichi Takano, MD**  
(Chiba-Hokusoh Hospital, Nippon  
Medical School, Chiba)  
Number of reviews: 14  
RPS: 68.4  
Previous awards: 2010



**Masaharu Ishihara, MD**  
(Hiroshima City Hospital,  
Hiroshima)  
Number of reviews: 15  
RPS: 64.0  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010



**Takeshi Tsuchiya, MD**  
(EP Expert Doctors-Team Tsuchiya,  
Kumamoto)  
Number of reviews: 9  
RPS: 64.0  
Previous awards: 2010



**Jun-ichi Kotani, MD**  
(National Cerebral and Cardio-  
vascular Center, Osaka)  
Number of reviews: 12  
RPS: 61.4



**Masaaki Uematsu, MD**  
(Kansai Rosai Hospital, Hyogo)  
Number of reviews: 10  
RPS: 57.0  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010



**Kazuhiro Yamamoto, MD**  
(Tottori University, Tottori)  
Number of reviews: 10  
RPS: 56.0  
Previous awards: 2008, 2010



**Ryuichiro Anan, MD**  
(Sendai Medical Association  
Hospital, Kagoshima)  
Number of reviews: 12  
RPS: 53.3



**Naohiko Takahashi, MD**  
(Oita University, Oita)  
Number of reviews: 9  
RPS: 51.4



**Yuji Nakazato, MD**  
(Juntendo University Urayasu  
Hospital, Chiba)

Number of reviews: 9  
RPS: 50.0



**Hiroyuki Watanabe, MD**  
(Sakakibara Heart Institute, Tokyo)

Number of reviews: 10  
RPS: 50.0

\***The Reviewer Performance Score (RPS)** is determined as follows for reviewers who made at least 6 reviews in 2011 (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 the Associate Editor in charge of the manuscript (range: 1~3).

The above Reviewers will be awarded by the Japanese Circulation Society with a Certificate of Achievement and an honorarium.

In the year ahead in 2012, we anticipate a steady increase in the number of submissions, as well as an increase in the scientific impact of the Journal.

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