



Editorial Statistics and Best Reviewers Award for 2012

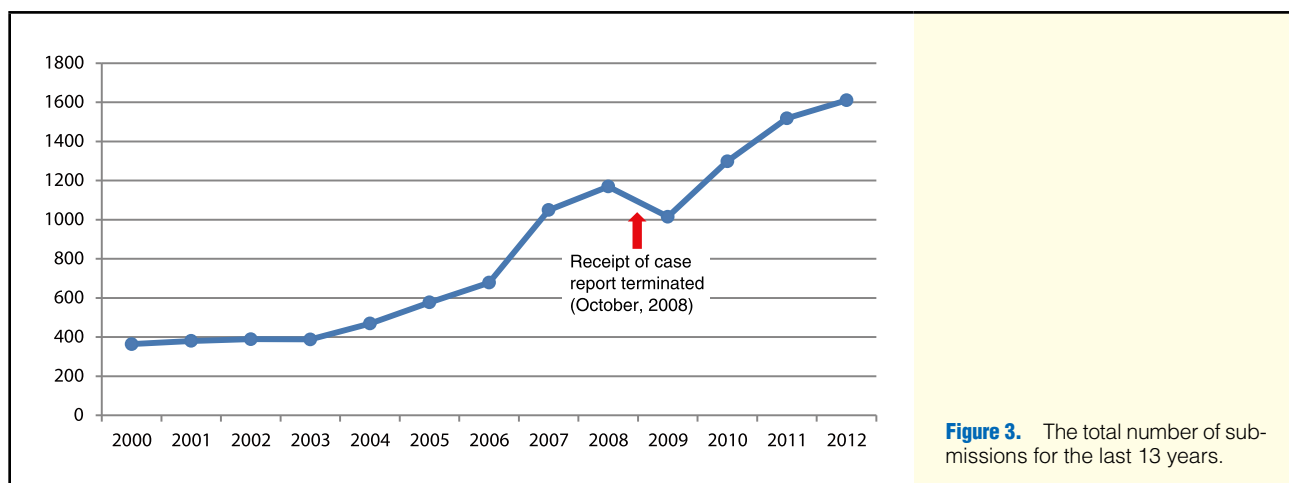
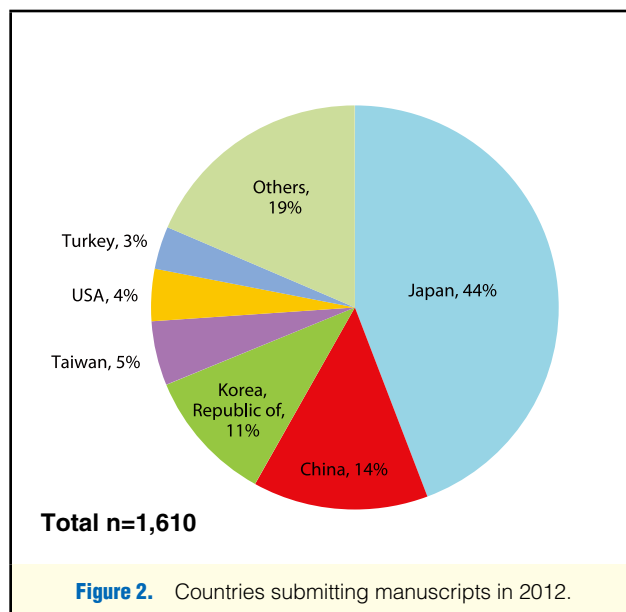
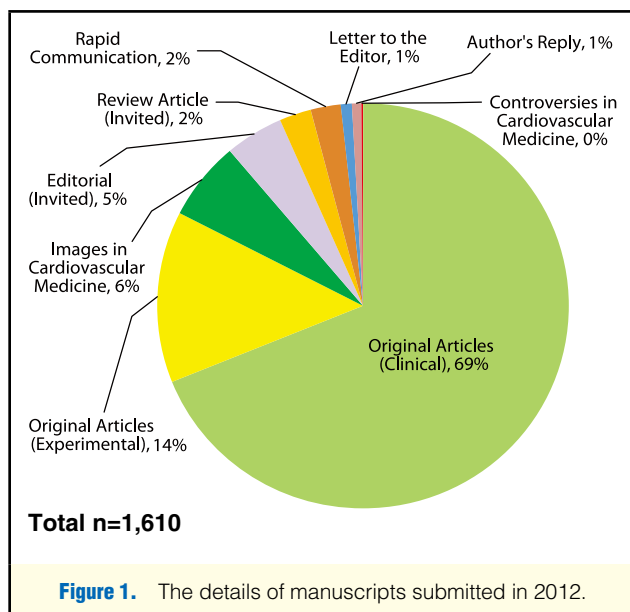
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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the *Circulation Journal*, I am pleased to announce the editorial statistics for 2012, and the recipients of the Best Reviewers Awards for 2012.

1. Editorial statistics for 2012

As shown in **Figure 1**, we received **1,610** manuscripts in 2012, the highest number on record, for publication in the Journal, including 1,329 original papers (1,109 clinical and 220 experimental), 40 invited review articles, 74 invited editorials, 38 rapid communications, 101 images in cardiovascular medicine, and 2 controversies in cardiovascular medicine. Among them, 44% were submitted from Japan, followed by China, Korea, Taiwan, the U.S.A. and Turkey (**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



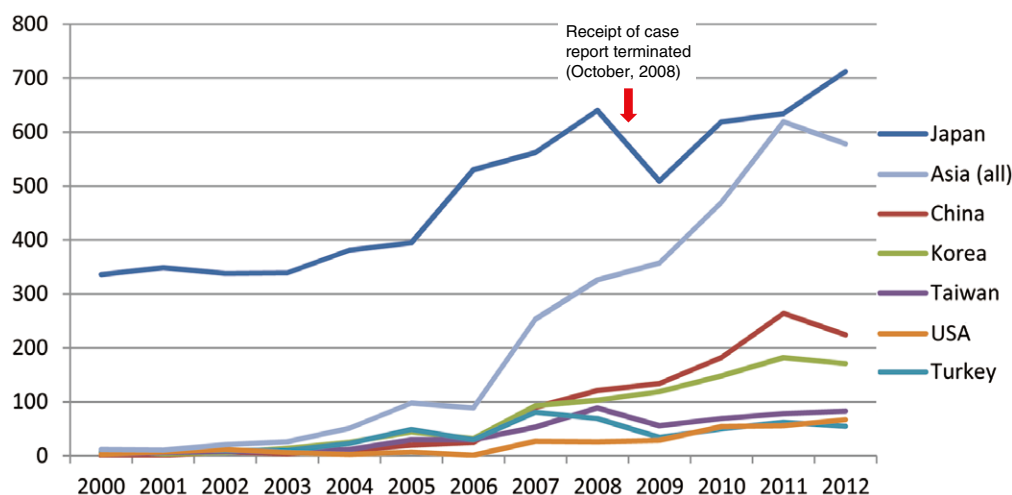


Figure 4. The number of submissions for the last 13 years in top 6 countries. Asia (All): all Asian countries except Japan.

(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 2012 was approximately 17%.

2. Best Reviewers Awards for 2012

In 2012, a total of 1,072 reviewers kindly reviewed the manuscripts submitted. In appreciation of their valuable contributions, we have selected the 20 Best Reviewers of the Year 2012 as follows:



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

Number of reviews: 47
RPS: 292.0



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

Number of reviews: 41
RPS: 243.4
Previous awards: 2009, 2010, 2011



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

Number of reviews: 34
RPS: 211.6
Previous awards: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011



Kazuhiro Yamamoto, MD
(Tottori University, Tottori)

Number of reviews: 22
RPS: 126.5
Previous awards: 2008, 2010, 2011



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

Number of reviews: 17
RPS: 102.0
Previous awards: 2008, 2011



Akira Fujiki, MD
(Shizuoka Red Cross Hospital, Shizuoka)

Number of reviews: 17
RPS: 100.7
Previous awards: 2009, 2010, 2011



Koichi Kaikita, MD
(Kumamoto University,
Kumamoto)

Number of reviews: 15
RPS: 79.4



Paul Schoenhagen, MD
(Cleveland Clinic, USA)

Number of reviews: 11
RPS: 76.0
Previous awards: 2011



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

Number of reviews: 13
RPS: 74.8
Previous awards: 2009, 2011



Shinichi Niwano, MD
(Kitasato University School of
Medicine, Kanagawa)

Number of reviews: 13
RPS: 73.0
Previous awards: 2009, 2010,
2011



Toru Maruyama, MD
(Kyushu University, Fukuoka)

Number of reviews: 11
RPS: 72.3



Hisashi Kai, MD
(Kurume University, Fukuoka)

Number of reviews: 12
RPS: 71.7
Previous awards: 2011



Yoshihiro Seo, MD
(University of Tsukuba, Ibaraki)

Number of reviews: 12
RPS: 69.0



Kengo Fukushima Kusano, MD
(Okayama University, Okayama)

Number of reviews: 15
RPS: 64.3



Masafumi Takahashi, MD
(Jichi Medical University,
Tochigi)

Number of reviews: 9
RPS: 64.0



Naohiko Takahashi, MD
(Oita University, Oita)

Number of reviews: 9
RPS: 64.0
Previous awards: 2011



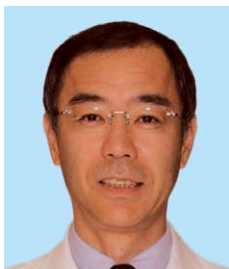
Shin-ichi Ando, MD
(Kyushu University Hospital,
Fukuoka)

Number of reviews: 11
RPS: 63.2



Masami Kosuge, MD
(Yokohama City University
Medical Center, Kanagawa)

Number of reviews: 12
RPS: 61.6
Previous awards: 2008



Masato Tsutsui, MD
(University of the Ryukyus,
Okinawa)

Number of reviews: 9
RPS: 61.0



Hiroshi Tada, MD
(University of Fukui, Fukui)

Number of reviews: 13
RPS: 60.0

***The Reviewer Performance Score (RPS)** is determined as follows for reviewers who made at least 6 reviews in 2012 (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 2013, 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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