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## ***Circulation Reports (Circ Rep) Vol. 0, The Preparation Issue*** **Message From the Editor-in-Chief**

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Welcome to *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)*. Thank you very much for taking a look at the preparation issue (Vol. 0). As reported by the Editor-in-Chief of the *Circulation Journal* (Vol. 81, Issue 1, 2017), the inaugural issue of *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)*, a new on-line only, Open Access Journal, will be published on January 10, 2019. *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)* is a sister journal of the *Circulation Journal*, an official Journal of the Japanese Circulation Society. In this preparation issue, I will describe how and why the new journal is to be launched and what types of manuscripts will be published.

It is 82 years since the first issue of the *Circulation Journal* was published. Its impact factor in 2016 was 3.544. The acceptance rate is around 25%, but almost 1,500 manuscripts are submitted every year from all over the world. It has been discussed that we should make an opportunity to publish excellent manuscripts that are rejected because of limitations of space. Today, the internet is the most powerful tool for publication and exchange of opinions. In line with this trend, the Japanese Circulation Society has decided to launch an on-line only, Open Access new journal to contribute to further advances in cardiovascular medicine.

Today, researchers in cardiology require new methods and analyses from medical engineering, medical informatics, and medical economics, besides the conventional physiology, pharmacology, molecular biology and epidemiology. To prevent cardiovascular diseases, nutrition, exercise, team medicine, healthcare systems, social medicine and comprehensive management of cardiovascular risk factors are important. *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)* will consider all types of original research articles, including studies in these new areas, related to cardiovascular diseases. I hope that *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)* will serve as a forum to discuss the tasks and problems in cardiovascular medicine and research by accepting statements and opinions from physicians and non-physicians. Thus, *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)* will cover a wide range of topics that are of interest to not only cardiovascular physicians and researchers but also to non-physicians.

Next, I will outline concretely how to submit your manuscripts to the new Journal. *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)* will consider not only de novo manuscripts but also excellent manuscripts unable to be published in the *Circulation Journal*. Such manuscripts will be rapidly transferred to the *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)* editorial system to ensure their timely publication. The editorial team consists of domestic and international associate editors, who are relatively young experts in each area. Some manuscripts may be accepted without further review. Accepted manuscripts will be published on-line as “papers in press” without delay and published monthly with numbers of volume, issue, and pages. From January 2018, *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)* will mainly publish accepted manuscripts transferred from the *Circulation Journal*.

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New types of articles that will be accepted by *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)* include Protocol Papers, Brief Reports, and Statements/Opinions (**Table**), which are not considered in the *Circulation Journal*. However, no case reports will be published in *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)*, as with the *Circulation Journal*. Accepted manuscripts will undergo statistical review before on-line publication so that all articles in *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)* are reliable based on appropriate statistical methods.

The following categories are specific to *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)*.

- Cardiovascular Nursing
- Exercise Physiology
- Health Services and Outcomes Research
- Medical Economy
- Medical Education
- Medical Engineering
- Medical Policy
- Metabolism
- Nutrition
- Obesity

Manuscript Types	Total word count	Abstract word count	No. of Tables (T) Figures (F) Supplementary Files (S)	No. of References	Other requirements
<b>Specific content to fall under the manuscript type / Specific policies</b>					
Clinical Investigation	≤6,000	≤220	T / F: ≤8 in total S: ≤3	No limitation	3–5 Keywords Structured Abstract with 3 headings
Experimental Investigation	≤6,000	≤220	T / F: ≤8 in total S: ≤3	No limitation	3–5 Keywords Structured Abstract with 3 headings
Rapid Communication	≤3,000	≤100	T / F: ≤4 in total	≤20	3 Keywords Structured Abstract with 3 headings
"Rapid Communication" is a report of novel findings of particular importance and/or current interest and will be accepted if they merit immediate publication. The manuscripts will normally be published within 2 months of acceptance.					
Brief Report	≤4,000	≤220	T / F: ≤4 in total S: ≤3	No limitation	3–5 Keywords Structured Abstract with 3 headings
"Brief Report" presents complete highly significant findings reported in a shorter format					
Statement / Opinion	≤3,000	≤220	T / F: ≤4 in total S: ≤3	No limitation	3–5 Keywords Structured Abstract with 3 headings
"Statement / Opinion" focuses on a topic about which the authors have personal thoughts, beliefs, or feelings.					
Protocol Paper	≤3,000	≤220	T / F: ≤4 in total S: ≤3	No limitation	3–5 Keywords Structured Abstract with 3 headings
"Protocol Paper" reports planned or ongoing studies. Reports of work already carried out will not be considered as a Protocol Paper.					
Images in Cardiovascular Medicine	≤400	N/A	T: N/A F: ≤1 S: ≤2	≤3	
"Images in Cardiovascular Medicine" should contain a novel color image with scientific impact. Note that we do not accept any case reports. The manuscript normally occupies 1 journal page.					
Review Article (Invited)	≤6,000	≤220	T / F: ≤8 in total S: ≤3	No limitation	Upon request from the Editor-in-Chief Unstructured Abstract
"Review Articles" manuscripts are usually invited ones, but we will also consider limited number of non-invited submissions.					
Editorial (Invited)	≤1,500	N/A	T / F: ≤2	≤15	Upon request from the Editor-in-Chief Subject manuscript should be cited.
"Editorial" normally occupies no more than 2 journal pages.					
Case Report	<i>Circulation Reports</i> does not accept any Case Reports.				

- (1) *Circulation Reports* considers publication of the following manuscript types: original articles on “Clinical Investigation” and “Experimental Investigation”, “Rapid Communications”, “Brief Report”, “Statement/Opinion”, “Protocol Paper”, “Images in Cardiovascular Medicine”, “Review Article”, “Editorial”, “Letter to the Editor” and “Author’s Reply”.
- (2) Authors who submit or resubmit manuscripts to the journal are required to have all of their manuscript files strictly reflect the requirements outlined here. When any part does not, we cannot start either the initial or revision review process.
- (3) “Total word count” is the total number of all words appearing in the manuscript files, except for the text in Table(s) and Figure(s). Note that legends for these are included in the “Total word count”.

Submission and publication are completely on-line only.

The editorial team of *Circulation Reports (Circ Rep)* looks forward to receiving a wide range of manuscripts from all over the world.

Best wishes,



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