



## Editorial Statistics and Best Reviewers Award for 2013

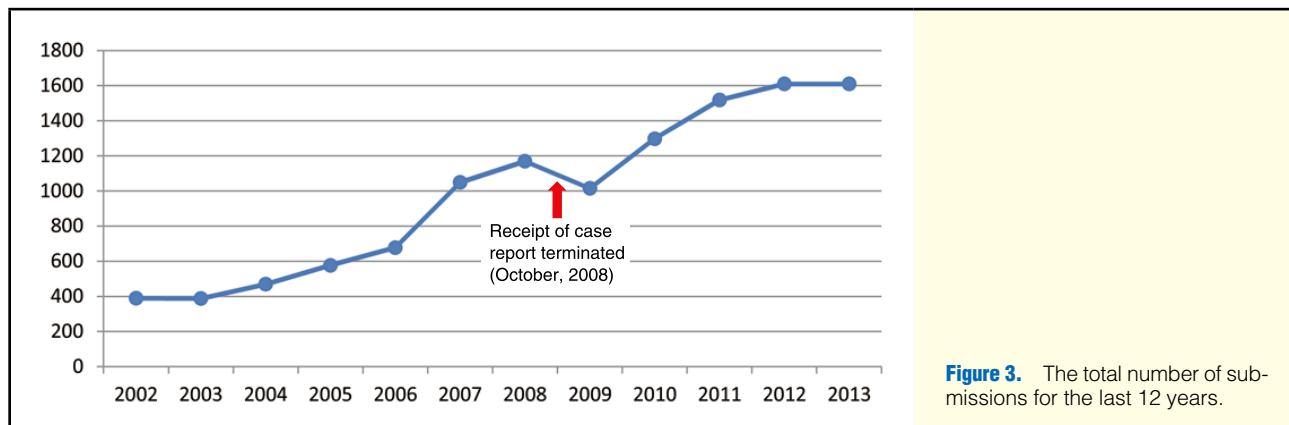
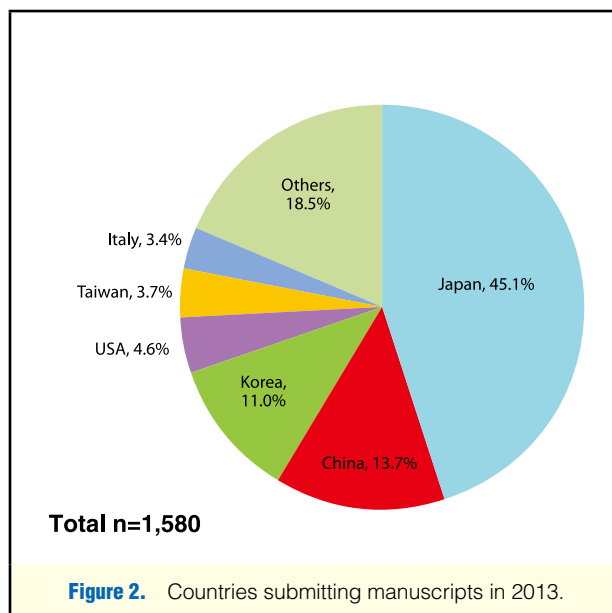
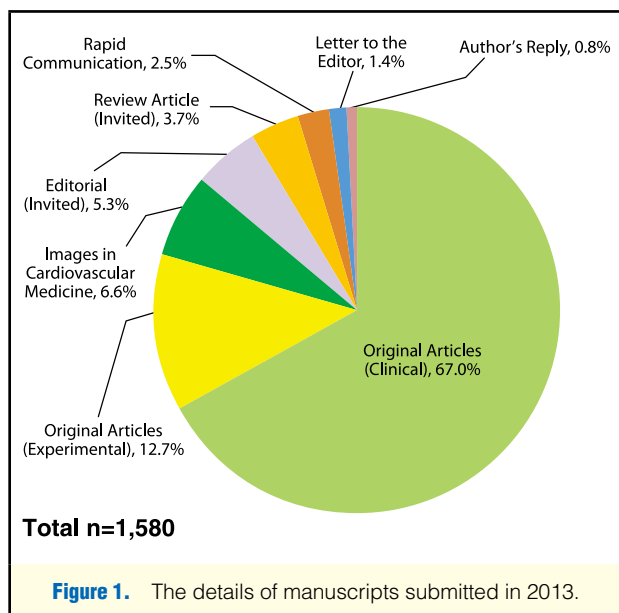
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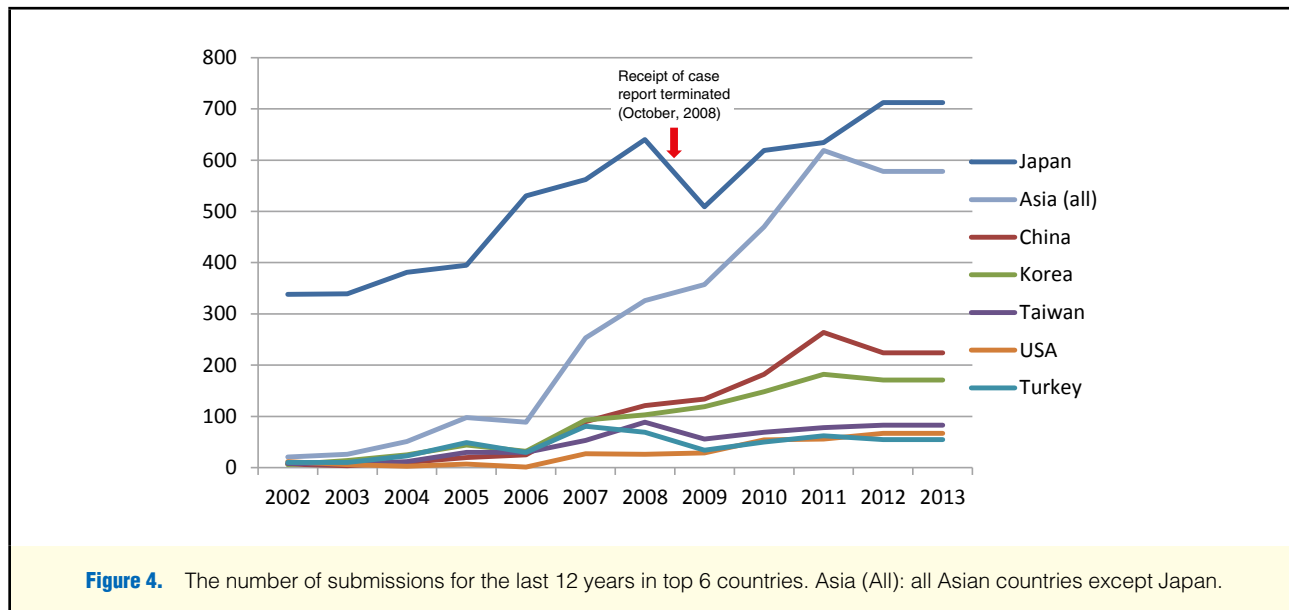
Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the *Circulation Journal*, I am pleased to announce the editorial statistics for 2013, and the recipients of the Best Reviewers Awards for 2013.

### 1. Editorial statistics for 2013

As shown in **Figure 1**, we received **1,610** manuscripts in 2013, the highest number on record, for publication in the Journal, including 1,260 original papers (1,059 clinical and 201 experimental), 58 invited review articles, 84 invited editorials, 39 rapid communications, and 105 images in cardiovascular medicine. Approximately half were submitted from Japan, followed by China, Korea, the U.S.A., 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

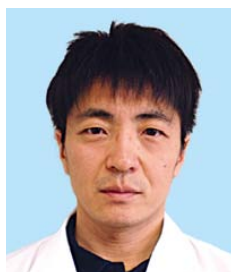




the top 6 countries in terms of paper submissions over that period (Figure 4). The acceptance rate for original manuscripts in 2013 was approximately **19.1%**.

## 2. Best Reviewers Awards for 2013

In 2013, a total of 862 reviewers kindly reviewed the manuscripts submitted. In appreciation of their valuable contributions, we have selected the 20 Best Reviewers of the Year 2013 as follows:



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

Number of reviews: 32  
RPS: 192.0  
Previous awards: 2012



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

Number of reviews: 31  
RPS: 180.7  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012



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

Number of reviews: 26  
RPS: 153.0  
Previous awards: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012



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

Number of reviews: 33  
RPS: 135.3



**Kazuhiro Yamamoto, MD**  
(Faculty of Medicine, Tottori University, Tottori)

Number of reviews: 16  
RPS: 96.0  
Previous awards: 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012



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

Number of reviews: 14  
RPS: 88.4  
Previous awards: 2011, 2012



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

Number of reviews: 15  
RPS: 84.0  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010,  
2011, 2012



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

Number of reviews: 15  
RPS: 81.9  
Previous awards: 2012



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

Number of reviews: 16  
RPS: 80.0  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010,  
2011, 2012



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

Number of reviews: 12  
RPS: 79.6



**Koichiro Kinugawa, MD**  
(The University of Tokyo,  
Tokyo)

Number of reviews: 14  
RPS: 76.0



**Hisashi Kai, MD**  
(Kurume University, Fukuoka)

Number of reviews: 12  
RPS: 72.0  
Previous awards: 2011, 2012



**Kimio Satoh, MD**  
(Tohoku University Graduate  
School of Medicine, Miyagi)

Number of reviews: 8  
RPS: 68.0



**Toru Suzuki, MD**  
(The University of Tokyo,  
Tokyo)

Number of reviews: 10  
RPS: 67.1



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

Number of reviews: 12  
RPS: 67.0  
Previous awards: 2012



**Isao Taguchi, MD**  
(Dokkyo Medical University,  
Saitama)

Number of reviews: 11  
RPS: 65.1



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

Number of reviews: 11  
RPS: 63.6  
Previous awards: 2009, 2011,  
2012



**Masaaki Uematsu, MD**  
(Kansai Rosai Hospital, Hyogo)

Number of reviews: 11  
RPS: 63.0  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010,  
2011



**Jun-ichi Kotani, MD**  
(National Cerebral and  
Cardiovascular Center, Osaka)

Number of reviews: 11  
RPS: 61.6  
Previous awards: 2011



**Masaharu Ishihara, MD**  
(National Cerebral and  
Cardiovascular Center, Osaka)

Number of reviews: 12  
RPS: 60.0  
Previous awards: 2009, 2010,  
2011

**\*The Reviewer Performance Score (RPS)** is determined as follows for reviewers who made at least 6 reviews in 2013 (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 2014, 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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