

## Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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The first issue of this journal, *Heart and Vessels*, was published in March 1985. Since then, it has been published in six issues annually through 2015. We now are pleased to announce that *Heart and Vessels* has become a monthly publication starting this year thanks to your active submissions.

Even though the number of articles we publish has increased, the quality of the articles is keeping to a high standard so that we can retain our good readership and high citation rates. The impact factor for this journal has marked more than 2.0 in recent years. We look forward to continuing to receive your excellent papers.

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