

The year in *Clinical Research in Cardiology*: the official Journal of the German Cardiac Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kardiologie – Herz- und Kreislaufforschung)

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In 1909, *Clinical Research in Cardiology* was established as *Zentralblatt für Herz- und Gefäßkrankheiten* by Max Herz. Volume 3 was published by Theodor Steinkopff Verlag Dresden-Leipzig in 1911. On the 3rd of June 1927, the German Cardiac Society was founded by Prof. Bruno Kisch at the “fifth Seminar for Physicians about Arrhythmias of the Heart”. “The whole process of founding did not even take 3 min”, Kisch recalled the beginning of the German Cardiac Society for Circulation Research on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the DGK in 2002 [1]. In 1928, the journal became the official organ of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kardiologie – Herz- und Kreislaufforschung (German Cardiac Society). After World War I, the journal was reinstated by Konrad Spang. The Society of Pediatric Cardiology, the Society of Cardiac Rehabilitation and the subdivision of Cardiology of the German Internal Medicine Association chose the *Zeitschrift für Kardiologie* as their official journal. While the journal was originally published in German, in 2005, the board of the German Cardiac Society and the editors of the *Zeitschrift für Kardiologie* took the decision to publish all papers in English following a short transition phase. The reason was to increase visibility of the scientists, in particular researchers from Germany, and to attract an international readership

and international investigators to publish in the journal. In 2006, the name of the journal was changed to *Clinical Research in Cardiology*. Since then the journal has been successively transferred into an internationally oriented journal published exclusively in English.

The goals of *Clinical Research in Cardiology* journal are:

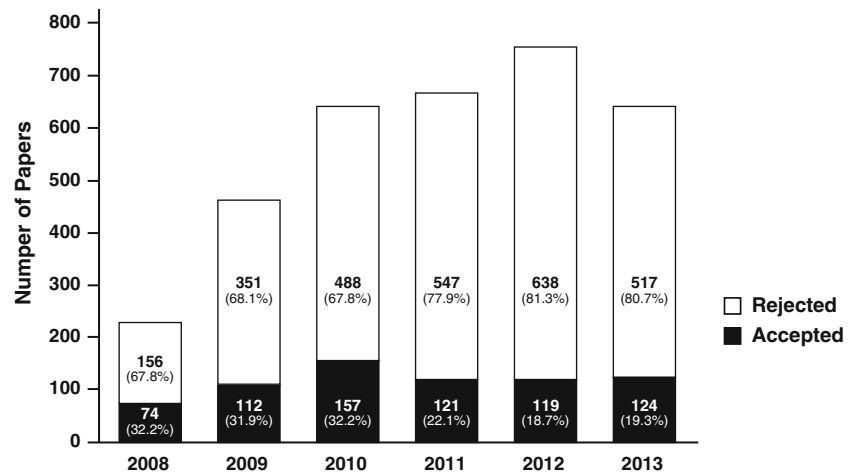
1. Publication of clinical sciences in cardiology with high international and national recognition.
2. Providing a platform for in-depth discussion of scientific controversies in clinical cardiology.
3. Promotion of continuous medical education in clinical cardiology covering the broad spectrum of cardiovascular diseases.
4. Providing clinicians with cases to foster practical education of students, doctors, and training of staff physicians.

Clinical Research in Cardiology is one of the numerous journals published under the auspices of the European Society of Cardiology supporting European science in cardiology. Since 2006, the number of submitted papers has increased continuously and the rejection rate remains quite high (Fig. 1). The citation index is steadily rising with the journal listed in ISI and the last impact factor published in 2013 being 3.6. Table 1 summarizes the list of best published papers. The spectrum of these highly cited papers ranges from new topics such as renal denervation, interventional cardiology with new stent developments and antiplatelet therapies as well as pericarditis to well-established topics such as pulmonary hypertension and aortic valve interventions and heart failure [2–11].

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Fig. 1 Clinical research in cardiology—final dispositions**Table 1** The ten best cited papers for Clinical Research in Cardiology 2013

Rank	Article	Author
1	Renal sympathetic denervation for treatment of electrical storm: first-in-man experience	Ukena C, Bauer A, Mahfoud F, Schrieck J, Neuberger HR, Eick C, Sobotka PA, Gawaz M, Böhm M
2	Everolimus-eluting versus sirolimus-eluting stents: an updated meta-analysis of randomized trials	de Waha A, Cassese S, Park DW, Burzotta F, Byrne RA, Tada T, King LA, Park SJ, Schömig A, Kastrati A
3	Platelet inhibition and GP IIb/IIIa receptor occupancy by intracoronary versus intravenous bolus administration of abciximab in patients with ST-elevation myocardial infarction	Desch S, Siegemund A, Scholz U, Adam N, Eitel I, de Waha S, Fürnau G, Lurz P, Wetzel S, Schuler G, Thiele H
4	Local versus general anesthesia for transfemoral aortic valve implantation	Motloch LJ, Rottlaender D, Reda S, Larbig R, Bruns M, Müller-Ehmsen J, Strauch J, Madershahian N, Erdmann E, Wahlers T, Hoppe UC
5	Clues to detect tumor necrosis factor receptor-associated periodic syndrome (TRAPS) among patients with idiopathic recurrent acute pericarditis: results of a multicenter study	Cantarini L, Lucherini OM, Brucato A, Barone L, Cumetti D, Iacoponi F, Rigante D, Brambilla G, Penco S, Brizi MG, Patrosso MC, Valesini G, Frediani B, Galeazzi M, Cimaz R, Paolazzi G, Vitale A, Imazio M
6	Markers of oxidative stress after ablation of atrial fibrillation are associated with inflammation, delivered radiofrequency energy and early recurrence of atrial fibrillation	Richter B, Gwechenberger M, Socas A, Zorn G, Albinni S, Marx M, Bergler-Klein J, Binder T, Wojta J, Gössinger HD
7	Smoking restrictions and hospitalization for acute coronary events in Germany	Sargent JD, Demidenko E, Malenka DJ, Li Z, Gohlke H, Hanewinkel R
8	Prognostic value of mild-to-moderate pulmonary hypertension in patients with severe aortic valve stenosis undergoing aortic valve replacement	Zuern CS, Eick C, Rizas K, Stoleriu C, Woernle B, Wildhirt S, Herdeg C, Stock U, Gawaz M, Bauer A
9	The risk-to-benefit ratio of transcatheter aortic valve implantation in specific patient cohorts: a single-centre experience	Puls M, Viel T, Danner BC, Jacobshagen C, Teucher N, Hanekop G, Schöndube F, Hasenfuss G, Seipelt RG, Schillinger W
10	A decade of developments in chronic heart failure treatment: a comparison of therapy and outcome in a secondary and tertiary hospital setting	Franke J, Zugck C, Wolter JS, Frankenstein L, Hochadel M, Ehlermann P, Winkler R, Nelles M, Zahn R, Katus HA, Senges J

continuous help and support. The names of the members are listed in Table 2. Original and well-performed studies as well as an active editorial and reviewer board have helped to support the goals of *Clinical Research in*

Cardiology in promoting excellence in cardiovascular science and education and to promote visibility of the German Cardiac Society in particular and of European cardiology in general.

Table 2 Top reviewers for Clinical Research in Cardiology in 2013. The grading is based on the number of papers reviewed

Clinical Research in Cardiology—Top Reviewers

Platinum award

Peter Boekstegers, Gerd Fröhlig, Kurt Huber, Hugo A Katus, Teo Koon, Ulrich Laufs, Hans-Ruprecht Neuberger, Janine Pöss, Christopher Reithmann, Bruno Scheller, Stephan Schirmer, Wolfgang von Scheidt, Nikos Werner

Gold award

Raffi Bekeredjian, Christian Hamm, Gerd Hasenfuß, Gunnar Heine, Uta Hoppe, Adnan Kastrati, Sebastian Kelle, Klaus Kettering, Michael Kindermann, Andreas Link, Axel Linke, Dominik Linz, Felix Mahfoud, Bela Merkely, Marco Metra, Thomas Münzel, Georg Nickenig, Matthias Pauschinger, Stephan Rosenkranz, Volker Schächinger, Roland Schmieder, Gerhard C. Schuler, Udo Sechtem, Jan-Malte Sinning, Stefan Störk, Luigi Tavazzi, Christian Ukena, Thomas Unger, Adriaan Voors, Karl Werdan

Silver award

Hashim Abdul-Khaliq, Oliver Adam, Fernando Alfonso, Guillaume Allee, Christiane Angermann, Axel Bauer, Johann Bauersachs, Helmut Baumgartner, Magnus Baumhäkel, Felix Berger, Martin Bergmann, Hendrik Bonnemeier, Jeffrey Borer, Mathias Borst, Thomas Buck, Arno Bücker, Axel Buob, Riccardo Cappato, Martin Cowie, Jochen Cremer, Florian Custodis, Hans-Christoph Diener, Stefanie Dimmeler, Dobromir Dobrev, Wolfram Doehner, Rolf Dörr, Hans-Dirk Düngen, Frank Edelmann, Eric Eeckhout, Hermann Eichler, Albrecht Elsässer, Stephan Ensminger, Raimund Erbel, Georg Ertl, Thomas Eschenhagen, Wolfgang Fehske, Stephan Felix, Stephan Fichtlscherer, Hans Figulla, Denise Fischer, Frank Flachskampf, Meinrad Gawaz, Evangelos Giannitsis, Matthias Gorenflo, Simon Greulich, Martin Grond, Markus Haass, Hermann Haller, Lutz Hein, Dagmara Hering, Katharina Heß, Gerd Heusch, Gerhard Hindricks, Imo E. Hofer, Rainer Hoffmann, Stefan Hohnloser, Carsten W. Israel, Stefan Kääh, Matthias Karck, Andrej Kasakow, Josef Kautzner, Malte Kelm, Wilfried Kindermann, Ingrid Kindermann, Ulrich Kintscher, Paulus Kirchhof, Volker Köllner, Wolfgang König, Stavros Konstantinides, Karl Kuck, Karl La Rosée, Frank Lammert, Sandrine Lecour, Bernd Lemke, Matthias Lenksi, Philipp Lepper, Thorsten Lewalter, Christoph Maack, Heiko Mahrholdt, Lars Maier, Giuseppe Mancica, Hans Maurer, Bernhard Meier, Christian Mewis, Stefan Möhlenkamp, Helge Möllmann, Andreas Mügge, Christian Müller, Jochen Müller-Ehmsen, Michael Näbauer, Christoph Naber, Amir Nia, Renate Oberhoffer, Thomas Paul, Ana Pérez, Hermann Reichenspurner, Jan Reil, Wolfgang Reith, Kyryll Rogacev, Stefan Sack, Katrin Schäfer, Hans Schäfers, Axel Schmermund, Heinz Schultheiss, Rainer Schulz, Martin Schulz, Stefanie Schulz, Sarah Seiler, Christian Seiler, Horst Sievert, Karen Sliwa-Hahnle, Paul Sobotka, Johannes Sperzel, Gerhard Steinbeck, Gustav Steinhoff, Daniel Steven, Ruth Strasser, Holger Thiele, Thomas Thum, Christiane Tiefenbacher, Carsten Tschöpe, Michael Uder, Daniel Urban, W. Voelker, Claus Vogelmeier, Thomas Volk, Stephan von Haehling, Rolf Wachter, Suzanne de Waha, Sven Wassmann, Joachim Weil, Oliver Weingärtner, Christian Werner, Heinrike Wilkens, Stephan Willems, Jochen Wöhrle, Ali Yilmaz, Atilla Yilmaz, Andreas Zeiher, Thomas Zeller, Stephen Zewinger, Uwe Zeymer, Andreas Zirlik, Christian Zugck

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