

EDITOR'S PAGE

**JACC: Asia****An Emerging Community With Eastern Wisdom and the Expertise to Contribute**

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When I began work on the Editor's Page for this inaugural issue, I could not help but allow my thoughts to bring me back in time to the early 1990s, when my journey with *JACC* started. I remember a paper published in *JACC* regarding the slow pathway ablation of atrioventricular nodal re-entry tachycardia as vividly as if it happened only yesterday. It is destiny that has brought us together.

That is why I am thrilled to present to you the inaugural issue of *JACC: Asia*, a new beacon of light shining in the cardiovascular field. As the Editor-in-Chief for *JACC: Asia*, my vision for the journal is to make it an essential scientific resource for the field of cardiology, and to play a vital role in advancing the cardiology field in Asia. We would like to promote and leverage the contribution of Asian professionals and research discoveries in cardiovascular medicine—and translate those into universal benefits for all humankind.

There are significant unmet medical needs in Asian populations, which account for 60% of the world's population. *JACC: Asia* will focus on cardiovascular diseases in Asian populations, including those living either in the Asian continent or around the globe. Locally, the unique geographic, environmental, and social factors may contribute to different phenotypes of cardiovascular diseases in Asia (1). Globally, we have the opportunity to compare the Asian population with other populations and yield a better understanding of the specific Asian-related disease phenotypes.

To address the previously mentioned needs, we have established an editorial board, consisting of prestigious experts in the field, with the goal of publishing original research on Asian population-focused cardiovascular conditions, to nurture and encourage Asian authors to conduct high-quality cardiovascular research based on Asian data, as well as to highlight cross-disciplinary studies where Asian

researchers hold a competitive edge and comparative studies between Asia and the rest of the world.

As a senior cardiologist and a physician scientist, I know in my heart the value brought by a high-quality journal. My inner voice whispers to me that *JACC: Asia* is not only the title of our new regional journal, but is also an acronym that stands for: Journey, Accessibility, Cultivation, Cooperation, Advantage, Service, Innovation, and Aspiration.

- **Journey:** Leveraging the well-renowned platform of *JACC*, we at *JACC: Asia* have kicked off with a great start with an assured future enabled by our steadfast commitment. As the first region-specific journal, *JACC: Asia* sets a new endeavor for us. Along the journey, there are bound to be challenges that might dwarf our efforts to advance the cardiovascular field; yet, for brave hearts, no hurdle is insurmountable.
- **Accessibility:** With open access, we can achieve wide dissemination of knowledge and provide easy access to the research community. Because there are many developing countries in Asia, open access can benefit the Asian communities as a whole. Because nowadays people are always on the go, we will be available on social media platforms, including WeChat, Facebook, and Twitter, as well as recording podcasts—all effective ways of knowledge dissemination.
- **Cultivation:** *JACC: Asia* will underpin one of the missions of the American College of Cardiology, which is science and education. We will be committed to strengthening the nurturing of physician scientists, and striving to provide education not only for professionals, but also for patients.
- **Cooperation:** This *Journal* will integrate with the *JACC* family, working with the flagship and sister journals to re-emphasize that the academic mission is fundamental to the overall development

of cardiology. We will highlight cross-disciplinary studies to create synergy in the Asian community to foster quality collaboration for the new landscape in the shaping. We firmly believe that the best stands out when East meets West.

- **Advantage:** This is a platform where the Asian voice will be heard. By speaking of the particular interests and problems faced by physician scientists in Asia, this journal will provide an opportunity to bring additional perspectives into clinical practices and medical research.
- **Service:** For authors, I understand choosing journals is not easy. The editorial board, the *JACC* journals staff, and I will be committed to serving authors and will work tirelessly and selflessly to ensure that the peer-review process is respectful, fair, constructive, and as smooth as possible to ensure the highest contribution to our community.
- **Innovation:** Innovation is the lifeline of science and medicine. We would like to focus on the novel cutting-edge technologies, such as clinical devices and techniques.
- **Aspiration:** Realizing the vision of this journal requires incessant pursuit of the best, not just the better, medical treatment. It is our sincere hope

and steadfast aspiration to develop this as a go-to journal in Asia and beyond in the field of cardiovascular medicine.

I always remind myself of the reason why I choose this profession—to save lives and to make a difference. As I look back at the development of the Asian cardiovascular field, I realize that the beauty of science is yet to be unveiled and the mysterious is yet to be uncovered.

Today and every day, I am extremely grateful for everything that we do as a community. I sincerely call for concerted efforts to uplift patient care in Asia and even beyond, because we are the trailblazers of progress. As an Asian cardiovascular community, we not only inspire excellence—we create it. We look forward to your readership and your submissions to push the boundaries of disease treatment and prevention in the world to safeguard human health.

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